

HISTORICAL BOOKLET AND DIRECTORY
Commemorating
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY
of the
ORGANIZATION OF THE CONGREGATION
July 27, 1919
and
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY
of the
DEDICATION OF THE PRESENT BUILDING
April 30, 1922



St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church
KANNAPOLIS, N. C.

THE REV. FRANK K. BOSTIAN, *Pastor*
September 25, 1946



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2014

<https://archive.org/details/anniversarydirec00stjo>

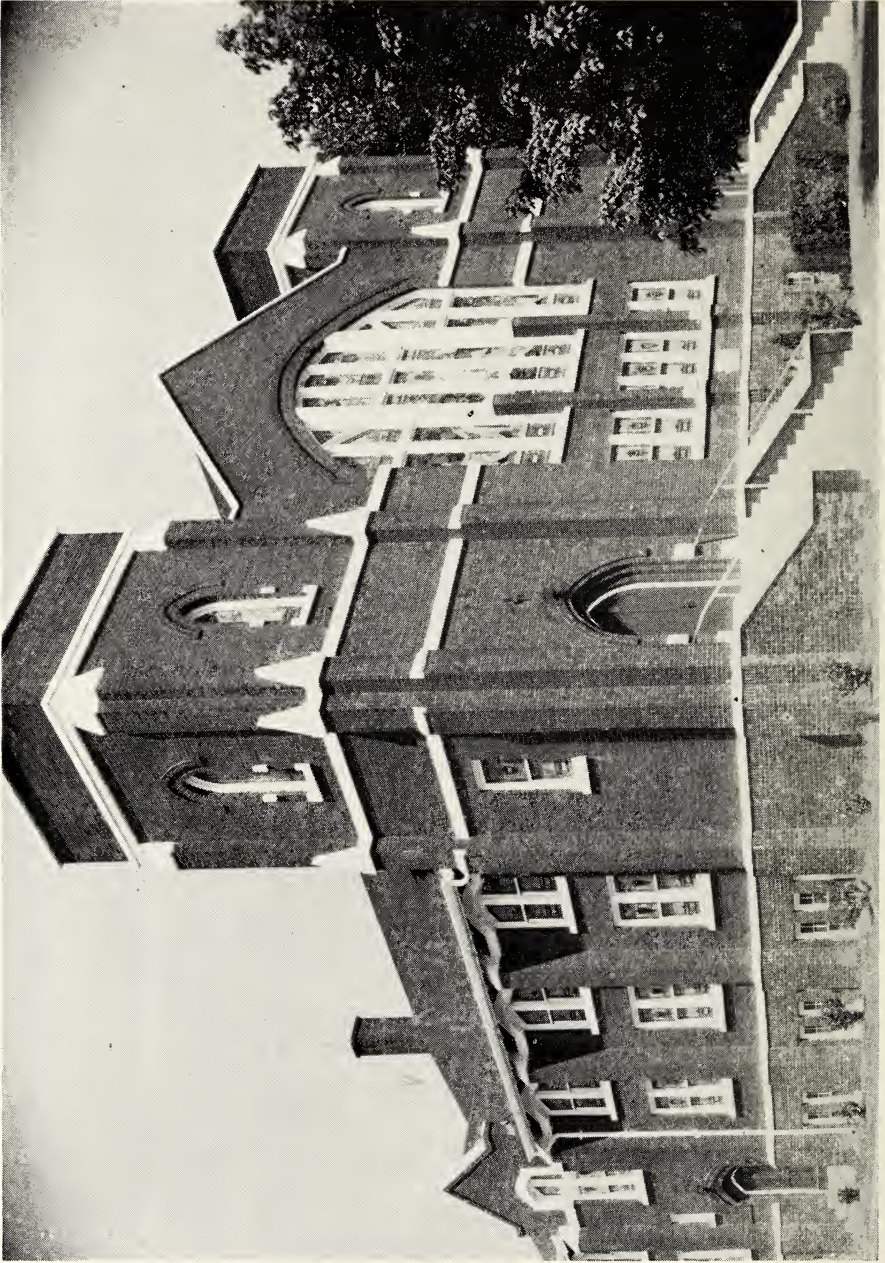
THE ANNIVERSARY DIRECTORY

of

**St. John's Evangelical and
Reformed Church**

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.

And Its Organizations

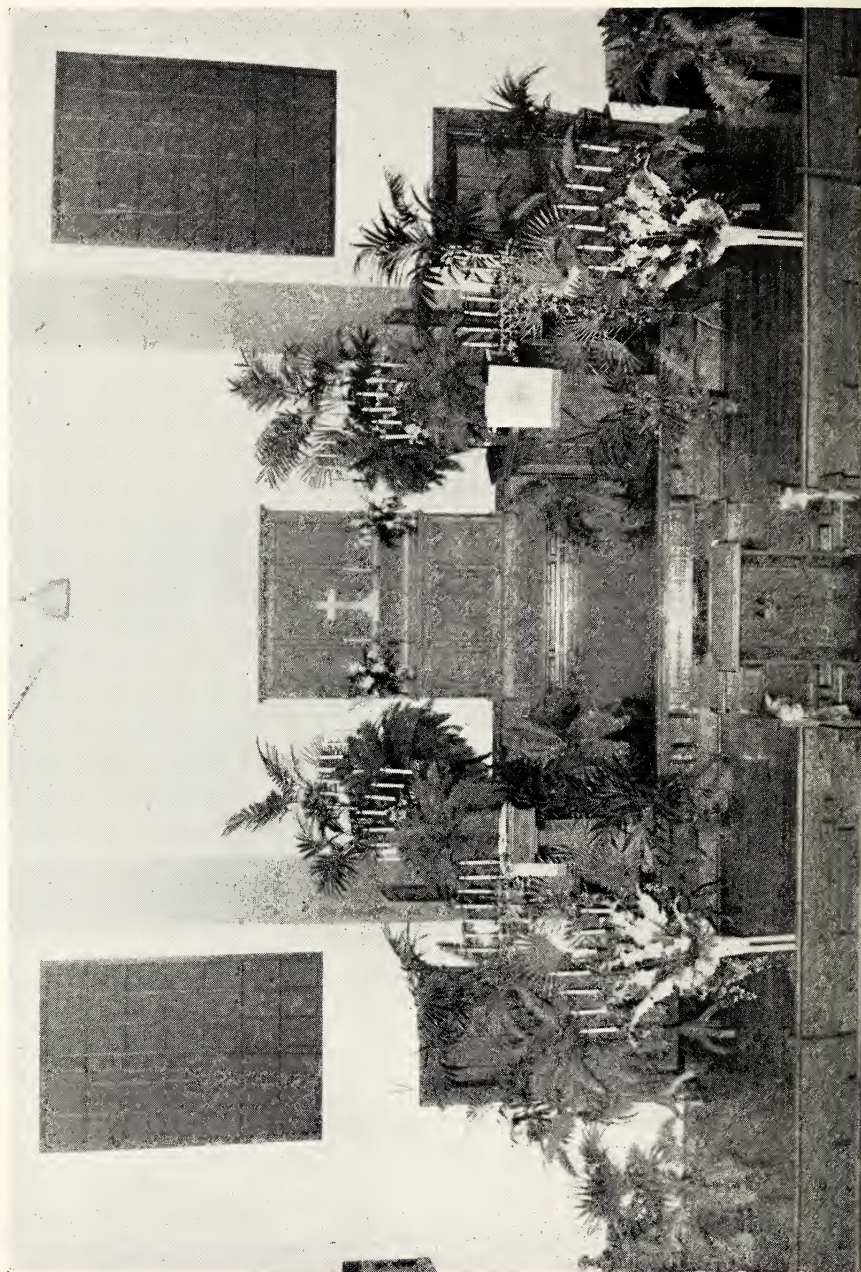


ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

DEDICATED

*to the memory of and in Gratitude for
the Consecrated men and women of this parish
who labored so faithfully in this vineyard of the Lord
and into whose labors we have entered,
and for the friendship and inspiration of the present membership
who are proud of their spiritual heritage and
who are continuing with increased devotion
the work of the Church, both to the Glory of God
and for the redemption and salvation of men.*

"THEN GIDEON BUILDED THERE AN ALTAR UNTO THE LORD" . . .



"This is none other but the House of God and this is the Gate of Heaven . . ."

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZATION **OF CONGREGATION** **and** **SERVICES OF DEDICATION AND** **REDEDICATION COMMITTEE**

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mr. John T. Fesperman..... | Chairman |
| Mrs. Robert L. Dayvault..... | Secretary |
| Mrs. Henry F. Fincher..... | Chairman for Social Evening |
| Mr. Gerry J. Lyerly..... | Chairman for Directory Publication |

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. R. B. McCombs | Mr. B. A. Fisher |
| Mr. H. Clee Overcash | Mrs. Harry E. Greene, Sr. |
| Mrs. H. J. Peeler | Mr. Ray A. Holshouser |
| Mr. E. A. Sloop | Mr. Earl B. Marlin |

Many additional ones served when asked.

TRUSTEES

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| B. A. Fisher | R. B. McCombs |
| Gerry J. Lyerly | E. A. Sloop |
| Charles A. Suther | |

USHERS

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Gaston C. McGinnis, Chief Usher | B. A. Fisher |
| Carl W. Barnard | Leonard K. McCombs |
| Ernest Faulkenberry | H. Clee Overcash |

In a production of this sort, errors both of omission and commission are likely to occur, in spite of earnest effort to determine the actual facts and to record only the truths of history. For any of these for which we may be responsible, we apologize. We have tried to be fair to everyone in every way. Unfortunately some of our records are lost; others were inaccurately and incompletely kept; and other years are blank with no records available. If you note any errors, please notify us so that correction may be made for the future.

To the committee guiding the program for this special week of services, and directing the production of this Church Directory, we owe a great debt of appreciation. Everyone has helped wherever opportunity has offered itself, and the unusually fine spirit has prevailed that has characterized the life of this congregation, especially during these recent years. To each one we say thank you for the help that you have given in helping to prepare this booklet, and for your loyalty and devotion to the church through the years of which this booklet is an evidence and a testimony.

OUR PASTOR



THE REV. FRANK K. BOSTIAN
Since July 15, 1942

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends:

It is a joy for me to have a share in preparing this booklet which is coming into your home as a gift from our church. Along with it comes my gratitude for your contribution to the story that is told herein, and my prayers for your well-being and your continued growth in grace and in achievement for the Lord.

What this congregation has accomplished in its brief history, and especially during these recent years, is almost unbelievable. Like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, "While they yet believed not for joy, and wondered," we wonder, too, if the facts as recorded here can be true. But it is true, thanks be to God and to your faithful stewardship.

I congratulate you and commend you who have played a part in writing this enviable record. You have grown in grace from year to year, and willingly have undertaken almost countless tasks for the Church and our Lord and His Kingdom. If anyone had dared suggest to me when I first came to know you that you would accomplish the things that have been accomplished in this short time, I would hardly have believed him. Even now, we wonder how it all happened. But, with the goodness of God and consecrated hearts, much can be done—as your record shows.

It is a temptation to list names as I think over these past years and their accomplishments, but the list would become too long! You will find that complete list in the back of this booklet! The members, almost all of them, have responded wonderfully, willingly and commendably to the program, and together you deserve to hear these words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Judging from your record, you really mean those words of the hymn, "I love thy Church, O God."

Mindful as we must be of the glory of the past, we can greatly rejoice that our congregation has gone on from glory to glory. So it is today the promise of a fuller life and larger usefulness challenges us as we anticipate the future.

The membership, which began with a nucleus of 38, has grown to a family of 289. Our church is now debt free. The mortgage will be burned at the service on September 29, 7:30 P. M., and the deed to the property will be placed in the hands of the trustees at that time. Now we can engage more effectively in the ongoing work of the Kingdom on earth.

The loyal cooperation of the members with their leadership in furthering the material and spiritual interests of the Church is a pledge that the future will augment the rich heritage bequeathed to it out of its historic past. Together, we continue from achievement to achievement, to the glory of God.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK K. BOSTIAN.

THE OCCASION

In every area of life, the attainment of a goal is cause for great rejoicing. When the student successfully passes his examinations, he is proud of his accomplishments. When the army, fighting hard for every inch of the way, finally knows the day of victory, there is great celebration of the day. And when a congregation reaches a goal in their group life that had seemed utterly unattainable through the long, hard years, there is an emotional release that seeks and deserves expression in a fitting celebration.

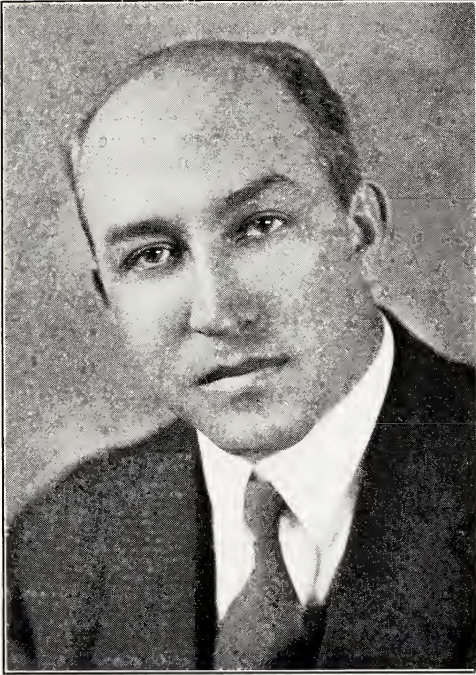
St. John's has scored a mighty victory. Its debt is paid, in full! Charter members and others were oppressed with the fear that it could not be done, at least in their lifetime. It is true that the original debt was a staggering, almost forbidding, figure in the beginning. But now it is a thing of the past, a memory of a hard job finished when the decision was made to do it! The impossible has been realized! And we celebrate the victory with this special week of services, and with the publication of this Directory.

The original debt stood at \$55,212.07—for a charter membership of only 38! The Board of Home Missions most liberally gave almost twenty thousand dollars toward this debt in granting dollar-for-dollar credit for most of our payments. Other sources, too, for which the congregation is grateful and all of which are listed on the page carrying "OUR DEBT STORY," helped us to attain this goal.

And the congregation has done its share, too, in achieving victory. Back in 1940, the laymen of the church decided that it was time to settle this debt of long standing, both as the honest meeting of an obligation and to safeguard the honor and good name of the congregation. That decision was made when they were without a pastor—and the program of debt elimination has gone on entirely on their own volition and without any guidance or pleading on the part of the pastor! Congratulations to the finest group of laymen that any pastor could know! As the Debt Story shows, their efforts were increasingly successful, and the final goal was attained long before they had dared hope that it could be. They gave willingly and most liberally toward the debt reduction program, and at the same time they gave increasing support to the current and benevolent expense of the congregation, and made extensive repairs and improvements and additions to their property. A finer example of a consecrated membership had never been known in the experience of the pastor, who takes pride with the congregation in their achievements.

With repairs, painting, new chancel furniture, and many other changes and improvements, the church has been made like new for this glorious occasion. We are proud of our record, and we feel justly so. We place this Directory in your hands as an evidence of our stewardship in the days gone by, and as a pledge of our continued and increasing devotion to the Church of God and His Kingdom in the years to come.

OUR SERVICES FOR THE WEEK



DR. HARVEY A. FESPERMAN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Through

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Dr. Harvey A. Feserman, pastor of First Evangelical and Reformed Church, Burlington, N. C., our guest preacher for four of the evening services . . . Sunday through Wednesday.

SUNDAY

RALLY DAY

- 9:45 A. M., in the Church School
11:00 A. M., in the worship hour, with sermon on "The True Church"
6:30 P. M., in the Junior-Intermediate and the High School Youth Fellowship organizations
7:30 P. M., a worship service, beginning a series of four special programs with Dr. Harvey A. Feserman bringing the messages.
Celebration of payment of debt, delivering deed to property to Trustees
The Church School Association and the various classes will support this service by attending and sitting in their respective groups.

MONDAY

- 7:30 P. M., a worship service, Dr. Harvey A. Feserman
The Women's Guild: The Dorcas, the Jennie Peeler, the Lydia Circles and the Junior Girl's Guild will support this service and sit in their respective groups.

TUESDAY

- 7:30 P. M., a worship service, Dr. Harvey A. Feserman
The Churchmen's Brotherhood will support this service and sit in a body.

WEDNESDAY

7:30 P. M., a worship service, Dr. Harvey A. Fesperman
The Senior, the Junior Choir, and the Junior-Intermediate and the High School Youth Fellowship groups and the Consistory will support this service and sit in their respective groups.

THURSDAY

6:30 P. M., an evening of fellowship in our social rooms, with picnic supper. Program honoring members and friends who served in our armed forces during the recent war, and recognizing those members who have joined our church since July 15, 1942, during present pastorate.

SUNDAY

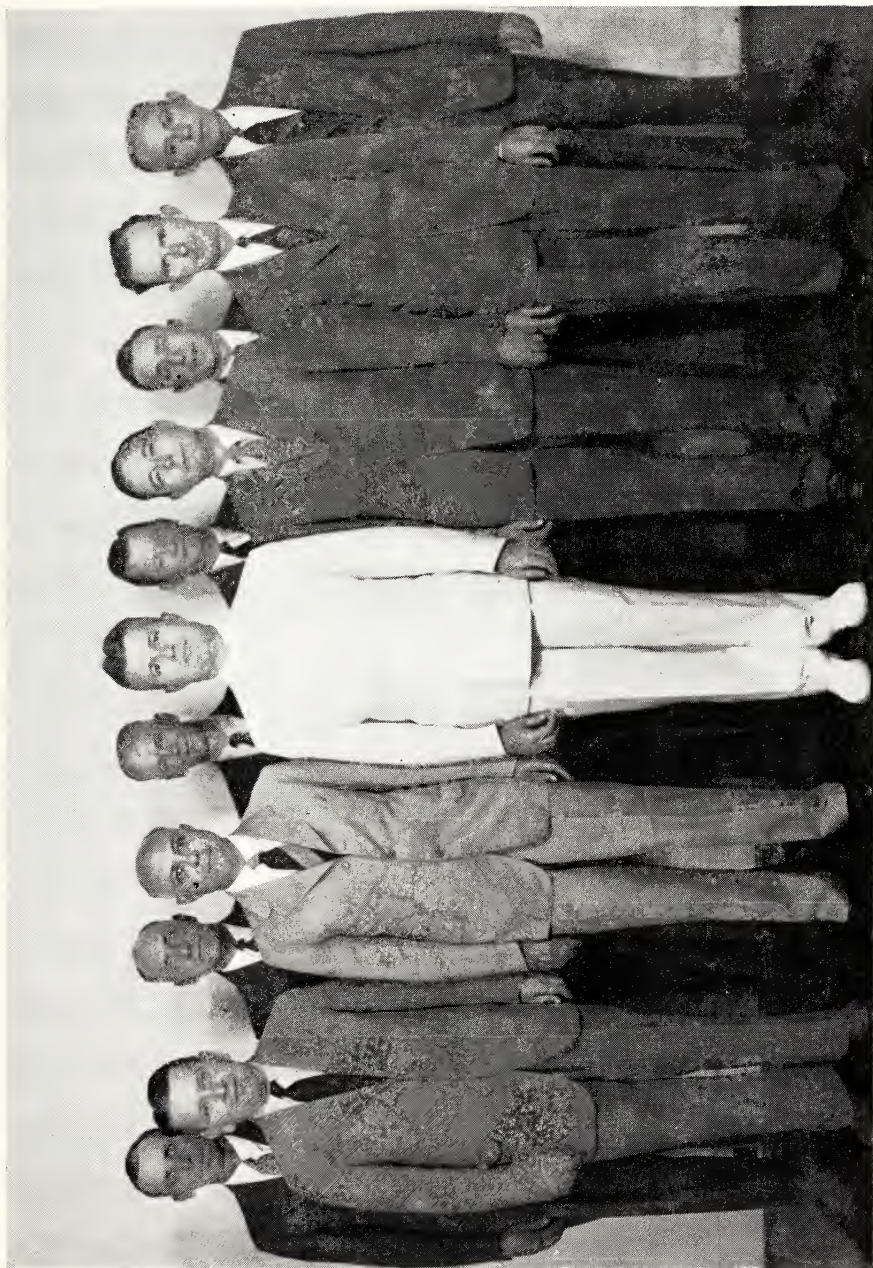
9:45 A. M., Church School
11:00 A. M., The Holy Communion, in keeping with the World Wide Observance; Rededication of Church; Dedication of Chancel Furniture, Altar, etc.
7:30 P. M., a worship service, "Our Command, To Go Forward"—sermon theme.

*OUR CONSISTORYMEN AND LENGTHS OF SERVICE

(Names appear in sequence in which they are registered in the record. Records are incomplete, and omissions are unavoidable along with possible error. If you know of any omission, or error, please report it.)

| ELDER | Years | Months | ELDER | Years | Months |
|------------------------|-------|--------|-------------------------|-------|--------|
| T. P. Moose..... | | 7 | Joe Thompson..... | | 4 |
| R. B. McCombs..... | 15 | 5 | John F. Dayvalt..... | 2 | |
| D. M. McCombs..... | 10 | | John T. Fesperman..... | 13 | |
| J. V. Blackwelder..... | 2 | 2 | C. M. Deal..... | 5 | |
| H. J. Peeler..... | 9 | 8 | D. H. Dayvault..... | 2 | |
| Zeb C. Waller..... | 9 | | C. C. Withers..... | 2 | 1 |
| Henry O. Archer..... | 4 | 10 | Hugh Cook..... | 4 | |
| Phifer E. Correll..... | 11 | | H. Clee Overcash..... | 6 | |
| Charles A. Suther, Sr. | 15 | 3 | E. A. Sloop..... | 1 | |
| R. A. Hicks..... | 1 | 8 | | | |
| DEACON | Years | Months | DEACON | Years | Months |
| Curtis M. Linn..... | 5 | 5 | Roy Cook..... | 1 | 6 |
| Phifer E. Correll..... | 9 | 5 | Charles Overcash..... | 2 | |
| W. C. Goodnight..... | 6 | | L. S. Holland..... | 1 | 1 |
| F. M. Correll..... | 2 | | J. A. Atwell..... | 2 | |
| G. F. Rickard..... | 4 | 2 | N. B. Sills, Sr..... | 2 | 11 |
| Dwight E. Walter..... | 2 | | Robert L. Dayvault.... | 9 | |
| Hugh I. Cook..... | 8 | | Ernest Faulkenberry.... | 1 | 2 |
| Charles A. Suther..... | 3 | 7 | Carl W. Barnard..... | 6 | |
| Leo M. McCombs..... | 11 | | Gerry J. Lyerly..... | 5 | |
| E. A. Sloop..... | 11 | | O. C. Deal..... | 2 | |
| H. Clee Overcash..... | 6 | | Gaston C. McGinnis.... | 2 | |
| B. A. Fisher..... | 15 | 2 | George D. Peeler..... | 1 | 10 |
| Fred Powell..... | 4 | | Henry F. Fincher..... | 2 | 2 |
| Shuford Peeler..... | | 6 | | | |

* These records begin with July 27, 1919, date of organization of congregation, and continue up to and include the year 1945.



Left to right, Elders, H. Clee Overcash, Ray A. Holshouser, treasurer, E. A. Sloop, J. T. Fesperman, Deacon B. A. Fisher, the Rev. Frank K. Bostian, Deacons Henry F. Fincher, financial secretary, R. Hall Thornburg, recording secretary, Elder Gaston C. McGinnis, Deacons Carl W. Barnard and Gerry J. Lyerly, vice-president.

OUR DEBT STORY

Including the first grant, May 27, 1920, and grown to full-size with the last allotment on October 20, 1922, was the debt of \$55,212.07.

Reductions on debt:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| By congregation—1922..... | \$ 950.00 |
| By congregation—1923..... | 2,050.00 |
| By congregation—1924..... | 3,000.00 |

1927

In February, 1927, the Board of Home Missions liberally agreed to give double credit for each dollar paid—they match our gifts \$1 for \$1.

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| By congregation—1927..... | 606.03 |
| By congregation—1928..... | 850.00 |
| By congregation—1929..... | 250.00 |
| By congregation—1930..... | 450.00 |
| By congregation—1931..... | 550.00 |

1931

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| By congregation—1932..... | 350.00 |
| By congregation—1933..... | 50.00 |

1934

1939

The Board of Home Missions cancelled the agreement of giving double credit for each dollar paid, made in February, 1927, as stated above, but restored it early in 1940, and this provided the incentive for the drive which ended in the full liquidation of the debt.

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| By congregation—1940..... | 2,000.00 |
| By congregation—1941..... | 2,000.00 |
| By congregation—1942..... | 2,000.00 |
| By congregation—1943..... | 1,500.00 |
| By congregation—1944..... | 2,504.62 |
| By congregation—1945..... | 3,000.00 |
| By congregation—1946..... | 3,800.00 |

\$25,910.65

Total paid by congregation....\$25,910.65

Granted by Board of Home

Missions..... 19,907.56

Given by others..... 9,393.86

\$55,212.07

Amount paid in interest charges is unknown.

By Forward Movement \$8,000.00

By Board, grant..... 393.86

By W. M. S. Gift Fund,
Feb. 13..... 500.00

By W. M. S. Gift Fund,
April 8..... 500.00

\$9,393.85

DEDICATED TO OUR MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED SERVICES IN WORLD WAR II*

George W. Perry
 Hubert L. Pethel
 Carl J. Owens
 Rowland W. Daves
 Norman J. Boger
 Flord R. Daves, Jr.
 Myron B. Lyerly
 James E. Meeks
 Harry M. Dayvault
 Hoyle M. McCombs
 Joe V. Blackwelder
 **Ralph W. Morgan
 Arthur E. Linn
 Hoyt O. Sloop
 **Sidney M. Blackwelder
 William E. Peeler
 Glenn C. Lowder
 Eugene M. Peeler
 Raymond L. Owens
 Roy D. Dayvault
 Cecil W. McCombs
 Hearne K. Rickard
 P. A. Barger
 Robert A. McClary

John T. Fesperman, Jr.
 James A. Pethel
 Albert M. Sloop
 Ernest Faulkenberry
 Gaston C. McGinnis
 Florence A. Linn
 (Mrs. E. Richard Jones)
 Karl E. Fisher
 George D. Peeler
 Robert L. Wagstaff
 **John F. Perry, Sr.
 Leonard K. McCombs
 Thurman F. Hart
 Harry E. Greene, Sr.
 Barry A. Fisher, Jr.
 Horace S. Sills
 Franklin A. Alley
 Kyle R. Goodnight
 Hubert F. Goodnight
 W. Ralph Tilley
 Russell Ray Thornburg
 Dervit Ray Waller
 C. C. Withers, Jr.

ON OUR HONOR ROLL BUT NOT MEMBERS

Joseph D. Andrew Charles G. Perry Melvin E. Wagstaff

** Honorable Medical Discharge

* All discharged and returned to civilian life except four listed below:

IN SERVICE AT PRESENT

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| George W. Perry | Dervit Ray Waller |
| Russell Ray Thornburg | C. C. Withers, Jr. |

IN MEMORY

Our congregation and community suffered a tremendous loss in the passing of Lieutenant Albert M. Sloop, wounded in the service of his country, and the following resolutions, read as part of the Memorial Service held in his honor, will show the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him:

“To the Family and Many Friends of Lt. Albert M. Sloop:

“All of our church and community were greatly grieved to learn of the passing of our friend, Lt. Albert M. Sloop, in a United States Military Hospital in France on April 27, 1945, following wounds suffered in combat in Germany on April 12, 1945; and the consistory of the church, as evidence of our sympathetic concern, has adopted the following resolutions to be read as part of the Memorial Service to be held in his honor on Sunday afternoon, October 7, 1945, 4:00 o'clock, in the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Kannapolis, N. C.:

“Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take unto Himself the soul of our departed brother and fellow-church member of this St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Kannapolis, N. C., be it resolved that we, the Consistory of St. John's Church, do hereby agree that we, in the name of Christ, do the following:

1. “Express our sincere Christian sympathy to the family upon whom this separation falls most heavily;

2. “Humbly bow to the will of God, who, in His infinite mercy and love, called the eternal spirit from the injured body and set it free for its place in the spiritual world;

3. “Help the family ever to remember and to find comfort in the truth that, ‘If our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens’;

4. “Dedicate ourselves more earnestly to the building of the Kingdom of God on earth, so that peace and brotherhood may become a reality for mankind, so that he and his comrades, through their services and sacrifices, may purchase for humanity a more Christlike world;

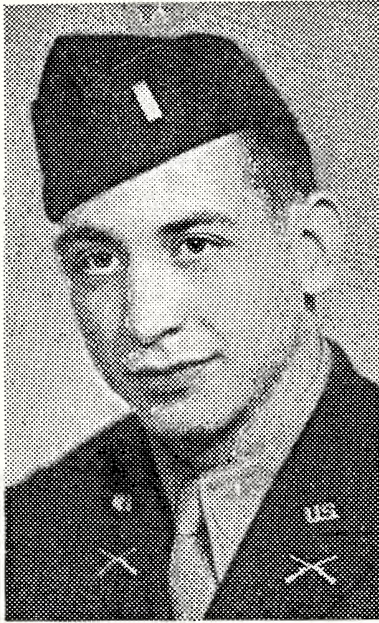
5. “And remembering that Albert McGinnis Sloop was an outstanding young man, of clean habits and high morals, kind, courteous and thoughtful, in short, that he was a Christian gentleman, gallant and valiant, who clearly revealed in his life the wholesome effect of the combined influence of the home and the church, in order that all might know of the high esteem in which he was held by all, we now set aside in our church a window which we humbly yet proudly dedicate to the honor of his memory, placing on the window this properly inscribed plaque for the information of all.”

Respectfully submitted,

THE CONSISTORY,

St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church

IN LOVING MEMORY



ALBERT MCGINNIS SLOOP
Lieutenant, U. S. Army
September 9, 1922—April 27, 1945

Inscribed on the plaque on the window:

MEMORIAL WINDOW
HONORING THE MEMORY OF
A GENTLEMAN, GALLANT AND VALIANT
ALBERT M. SLOOP
BORN SEPTEMBER 9, 1922
ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
AUGUST 5, 1943
COMMISSIONED SECOND LIEUTENANT
DECEMBER 28, 1943
WOUNDED IN COMBAT IN GERMANY
APRIL 12, 1945
DIED IN A UNITED STATES MILITARY HOSPITAL
IN FRANCE, APRIL 27, 1945
BURIED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY
CEMETERY AT BENSHEIM, GERMANY

THE ORIGINAL PETITION FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONGREGATION

"We, whose names are hereunto affixed, desiring to be organized as a congregation, that we may have better facilities for enjoying the holy ordinances of the Christian Church, do hereby petition the Classis of North Carolina to organize us under the name of..... congregation, in the town of Kannapolis, and the state of N. C., and do declare our readiness to be governed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Signed

T. P. Moose
Mrs. T. P. Moose
R. B. McCombs
Mrs. R. B. McCombs
D. C. Cline
Mrs. D. C. Cline
D. M. McCombs
Mrs. D. M. McCombs
Lula Belle McCombs
W. C. Goodnight
Mrs. W. C. Goodnight
C. M. Linn
Mrs. C. M. Linn
P. E. Correll
J. S. Cook
Mrs. J. S. Cook
R. J. Cook
Canair Cook

J. W. Correll
Zeb C. Walter
Mrs. Zeb C. Walter
Dwight Walter
Geo. D. Walter
Z. A. Correll
Mrs. Nora Hall
Miss Minnie Anderson
Mrs. S. A. Wilson
Jno. H. Suther
Vertie Cline
J. Oscar Walter
Maude McCombs
Stokes McCombs
Leo McCombs
Raymond A. Linn
Bennie A. Artz

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH

In the early days of Kannapolis, N. C., there was no congregation of the Reformed Church in the United States among the several churches of the town, although this denomination did have representative congregations in the surrounding communities: Mt. Zion Church to the north, at China Grove, N. C.; Keller Church and New Gilead Church, both to the east on the old Salisbury-Concord road; Trinity Church to the south, at Concord, N. C.; and St. Paul's Church to the west, at Enochville, N. C. However, the faithful members of the Reformed Church who moved into this new community to make their livelihood and their homes, brought with them a love for their church and a zeal to have one of their own congregations in the community.

Mr. Travis P. Moose, a member of Trinity Church, Concord, N. C., and Mr. Curtis M. Linn, a member of Mt. Zion Church, China Grove, N. C., were residents of Kannapolis, employed in the Cannon Mills Company plant number 1, where they came in contact with each other almost daily. Mr. Moose was overseer of the Spinning Room, and Mr. Linn was a weaver.

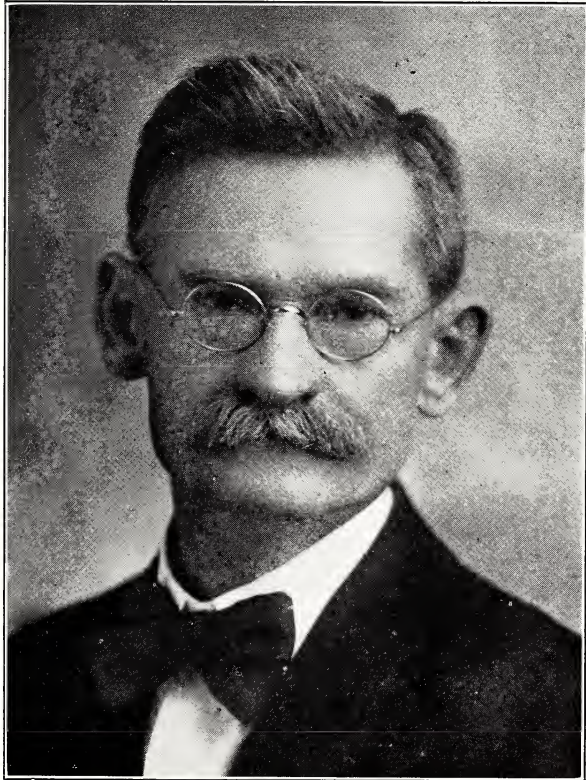
Occasionally Mr. Moose stopped to talk with Mr. Linn, as he passed through the weave room. One day, in the course of conversation, Mr. Linn said, "We ought to start a Reformed Church in Kannapolis."

Mr. Moose readily agreed, and said, "Let's try, and see what can be done."

These two men made an early trip to China Grove, in 1915 or early 1916, to talk with Rev. John H. Keller, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, about this possibility. This active and energetic pastor agreed to come to Kannapolis one Sunday afternoon each month for a worship and preaching service, to be held in the Y. M. C. A. building. After several months, these services were discontinued.

A little later, while in China Grove one day, Mr. Linn talked to the Rev. Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly, who agreed to come to Kannapolis twice a month to hold services for members of the Reformed Church and others who were interested.

Included among those early families



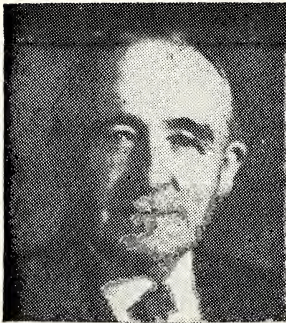
REV. DR. J. M. L. LYERLY

who were interested in establishing a church here were these names, Moose, Linn, Goodnight, Correll, McCombs, Artz, Cook, Walter, and possibly others.

In the late fall of 1918, an epidemic of influenza forced cancellation of all church services, and once again the movement to establish a congregation in Kannapolis came to a standstill.

The next spring, the Rev. W. C. Lyerly, pastor of Trinity Church, Concord, N. C., came for a talk with Mr. Moose about the organization of the congregation, as he had been instructed to do by the Classis of North Carolina. From this point on, plans for the organization of this congregation moved rapidly forward.

The foregoing paragraphs reveal the interest that some of our faithful families had in organizing and establishing their church in the community. And the following quotations, taken from the "History of Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church,"* by Dr. Jacob Calvin Leonard, show that the Classis of North Carolina, now the Southern Synod, was actively interested in the successful achievement of this goal, too.



REV. J. H. KELLER, D.D.

"The eighty-sixth annual sessions of the Classis of North Carolina were held in one of the mission churches in 1916, the Waughtown Church in Winston-Salem. At that time it was suggested that the Classis ought to consider the starting of a Reformed Church in the new town of Kannapolis. Accordingly, Revs. J. H. Keller and Paul Barringer were appointed to have charge of our interests in that place with instructions to organize a congregation. The following year, 1917, Rev. J. H. Keller presented the following report: "Your committee appointed to organize a church in Kannapolis beg leave to report that we have not performed that duty, believing that duty and honor should go to the man who goes to labor at that point. We have held services there once a month for most of the year." The interest was committed to Rev. J. H. Keller and the pastors of Trinity Church, Concord, and the Gilead charge, when those charges should secure pastors. The interest was looked after by these brethren through 1918. The committee was instructed to investigate the feasibility of forming a new charge in that section of the Classis by which closer insight might be given to the Kannapolis interest. The new committee then consisted of Revs. P. Barringer, W. C. Lyerly, Shuford Peeler and Elder J. P. Linn. The Classis instructed this committee to urge the Board of Home Missions to grant at the July meeting the request of the Classis of North Carolina for the enrollment of Kannapolis as a mission. The committee was further instructed to organize the Kannapolis church when the Board should make the enrollment. In that event, St. Paul's Church should be detached from the West Rowan charge, and the new mission at Kannapolis and St. Paul's Church should be constituted the Kannapolis charge. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Classis in Lexington September 2, 1919, the following record was made: "A letter from Dr. C. E.

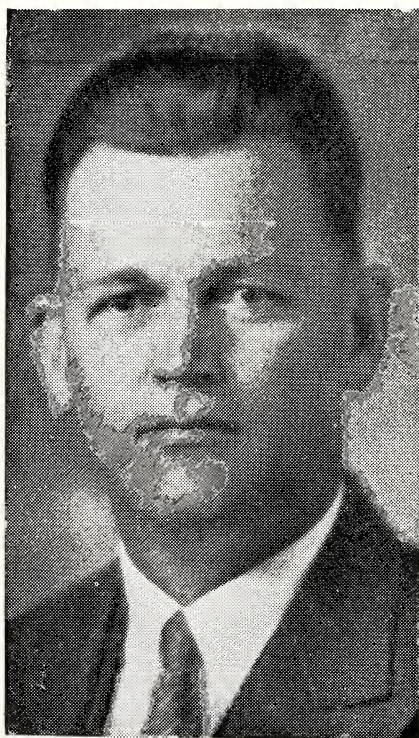
* Pages 289-292

Schaeffer, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, was read, stating that student Banks J. Peeler had been commissioned to do work in Kannapolis during the summer, and that at the July meeting of the Board, Kannapolis had been enrolled as a mission with an appropriation of \$700.00." Here was a real advance, and the news greatly encouraged the members of the Classis.

Dr. Banks J. Peeler, now pastor of First Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lexington, writes, "I was the student pastor in the summer of 1919, and did the surveying and 'ground work' for the organization. The organization meeting was held in the North Kannapolis School building, the one now standing (Woodrow Wilson School). Entering the main doors our services were conducted in the first room to the right. As I remember, the room was crowded and some of the people stood."



DR. BANKS J. PEELER



REV. W. C. LYERLY

During this summer it was decided by those actively interested that the new mission should be located in North Kannapolis.

At this same meeting of the Executive Committee, the committee on the Kannapolis interest was instructed to urge the Board of Home Missions to enroll Kannapolis as a permanent mission. The Board enrolled Kannapolis Mission at their July meeting, with an appropriation. Rev. W. C. Lyerly and Rev. Paul Barringer, D.D., members of the committee, organized the Kannapolis Reformed Church July 27, 1919, at their regular place of worship, the North School building. Thirty-six members who had signed the charter membership list were enrolled. Two elders and two deacons were duly elected and installed. Your committee recommend that the Kannapolis Reformed Church be enrolled as a congregation of the Classis of North Carolina. Respectfully submitted, W. C. Lyerly, Chairman." The officers who were elected, ordained and installed, were the following: Elders, Travis P. Moose and R. Baxter McCombs; Dea-

cons, Curtis M. Linn and Phifer E. Correll."

Rev. W. C. Lyerly, now of Newton, N. C., writes us Sept. 10, 1946:

"According to my private records, 'the Kannapolis Church was organized July 27, 1919, in a school room (of the building near the present church) at 12 noon. There were 60 people in attendance. The sermon was from the text, Matt. 16:24. There were 36 charter members, a few of whom were never actually enrolled. That day I Confirmed 3, Baptized and Confirmed 1, and Baptized 1 child; elected, ordained and installed 2 Elders and 2 Deacons. Dr. Paul Barringer assisted.

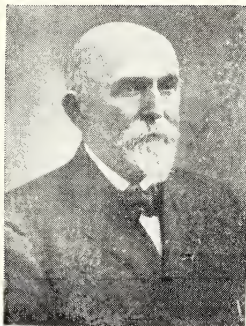
"There was a previous meeting in the Kannapolis Y. M. C. A., May 4th., at 5:30 P. M., with 43 in attendance and the Rev. Dr. James M. Mullan was speaker. I was present, and spoke.

"The two men who gave me most assistance were: Mr. Travis P. Moose and Mr. R. B. McCombs—and nearly all signatures to the original application for charter members were signed in their presence. . . .

"The 4 Confirmed, and 1 Baptized that day, were: Stokes McCombs, Leo McCombs, Raymond Linn, and Eddrie Moore Baptized and Confirmed. The child baptized was Robert Montgomery Linn, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Linn."

"This committee also reported at this same meeting of the Executive Committee that the instructions of the Classis had been carried out relative to a new charge, and that the proper steps were taken to organize the Joint Consistory of the 'Kannapolis Charge.' This new charge was so enrolled. The date was August 17, 1919."

48 Rem. A Sunday School was organized June 1, 1919, in the North Kannapolis Graded School Building. R. B. McCombs was elected Superintendent. T. P. Moose, Secretary and Treasurer. Four classes were formed, and the following were made the first teachers: Adults, B. J. Peeler; Senior, J. H. Suther; Junior, Loula Belle McCombs; Primary, Mrs. T. P. Moose. Regular preaching services were also begun in the same building.



At the organization service, Rev. Mr. Barringer preached the sermon, and Rev. Mr. Lyerly had charge of the organization. It was decided that all who became members within six months from the date of organization be recorded as charter members.

On August 17, 1919, when the St. Paul's-Kannapolis Churches were organized into the Kannapolis charge under the direction of Rev. W. C. Lyerly, under the direction of Classis, Elder T. P. Moose was elected Vice-President and J. F. McKnight, Secretary.

The Kannapolis charge was duly formulated, and the Rev. L. A. Peeler, then pastor of Grace Church, Newton, N. C., was challenged to become pastor. This call was in harmony with the challenge already extended to this brother by the Board of Home Missions.

"At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Classis in Lexington, September 26, 1919, the call to Rev. Lee A. Peeler from the Kannapolis charge (including a commission from the Board of Home Missions) was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to install him as pastor: Revs.



REV. LEE A. PEELEK

W. C. Lyerly, J. H. Keller and J. O. Moose."

Rev. Lee A. Peeler accepted the call to take charge of the work, and began his work October 1, 1919.

The following 38 became members of the congregation before February 1, 1920, and thus became charter members of the Kannapolis Reformed Church: R. B. McCombs, Mrs. R. B. McCombs, Leo McCombs, D. M. McCombs, Mrs. D. M. McCombs, Maude McCombs, Stokes McCombs, T. P. Moose, Mrs. T. P. Moose, Eddrie Moose, C. M. Linn, Raymond Linn, P. E. Correll, F. M. Correll, Mrs. F. M. Correll, J. W. Correll, J. A. Correll, W. C. Goodnight, Mrs. W. C. Goodnight, W. P. Goodnight, J. V. Blackwelder, Mrs. J. V. Blackwelder, Lillian Blackwelder, D. C. Cline, Mrs. D. C. Cline, Mrs. L. A. Peeler, H. O. Archie, Mrs. H. O. Archie, Hattie Archie, Nannie Archie, Annie Archie, Mrs. Florence Brown, G. F. Rickard, Mrs. G. F. Rickard, Clara McCombs, Bennie Artz, Charlie Artz, and Mrs. C. M. Linn.

On January 11, 1920, it was decided to elect four additional members of the consistory, and the following brethren were elected: Elders, J. V. Blackwelder and D. M. McCombs; Deacons, W. C. Goodnight and F. M. Correll.

On March 7, 1920, a congregational meeting was held at which time it was decided to name the congregation St. John's Reformed Church, Kannapolis, N. C.

At this meeting recognition was made of the death of Elder Travis P. Moose. A fitting memorial was adopted, ordered sent to the bereaved family, published in the local weekly and the Concord Daily paper, and a page in the congregational records was dedicated to his memory.

This memorial is found on page 187 of the Church Register, and it pays high tribute to this man of God and servant of the Church who was most actively interested in the organization and early work of this St. John's congregation as it was launched along the road of its successful history. As an expression of friendship and esteem, a large and beautiful Memorial Window was placed in the new Church, with this inscription on the name plate: In Memory of Travis P. Moose, Contributed by His Friends.

The constitution as adopted by the congregation on February 21, 1920, is found on pages 190 and 191 of the Church Register.

Ground Breaking exercises for the new church were held July 11, 1920, at 7:30 P. M. The pastor made a few appropriate remarks and the principal address was made by Rev. J. H. Keller, after which the formal Ground Breaking exercises took place. (Page 192, Church Register.)

"The cornerstone of St. John's Reformed Church, Kannapolis, N. C., was laid with appropriate exercises January 30 at 3:00 P. M. Although the

workmen had to shovel the snow away for a space large enough for the people to stand during the service, and the day itself was cloudy and misty and cold, a goodly number attended the services, both morning and afternoon." The principal address was delivered by Dr. J. C. Leonard of Lexington. Greetings were also brought by Revs. J. H. Keller and W. C. Lyerly. The service was in charge of the pastor. The following articles were placed in the stone:

The Holy Bible

The Heidelberg Catechism

The Constitution of the Reformed Church

The Reformed Church Hymnal

The Directory of the Reformed Church

A Copy of the Minutes of N. C. Classis, 1920

A Copy of the Minutes of Women's Missionary Society of N. C. Classis 1920

A Copy of Recent Issue of Reformed Church Messenger

A Copy of Recent Issue of Outlook of Missions

A Copy of Recent Issue of Reformed Church Standard

A History of Organization of St. John's Reformed Congregation

A List of Charter Membership

A Copy of the Constitution of the Local Congregation

A Silver Dollar

The pastor moved into the new parsonage December 23, 1920.

The new parsonage was consecrated on the night of February 22, 1921, with appropriate exercises. Dr. A. D. Wolfinger, President of Catawba College, Newton, N. C., delivered the principal address. Rev. H. A. Welker of Salisbury brought greetings and a message of song. A delightful social gathering was enjoyed along with the program.

The opening service in the basement rooms of the new church was held July 10, 1921, at 3:00 P. M. Revs. W. C. Lyerly, J. H. Keller, and H. A. Welker were present and made appropriate remarks.

"The auditorium and additional Sunday School rooms were formally opened January 1, 1922, with appropriate services."

"St. John's Reformed Church was dedicated with appropriate services Sunday, April 30, 1922, in connection with semi-annual meeting of the Central Church Worker's Convention which convened in St. John's Church April 29 and 30. Program of services is attached to page 194 in the Church Register.

At this morning service, The Dedicatory Sermon was preached by Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, Philadelphia, Pa. At the afternoon service brief addresses were made by visiting ministers, and the offering for the Building Fund was in charge of Mr. J. S. Wise, Superintendent of Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions, Philadelphia, Pa. At the evening service the address was made by Mr. J. S. Wise.

The new parsonage cost \$8,500; and the church cost \$49,000.00.

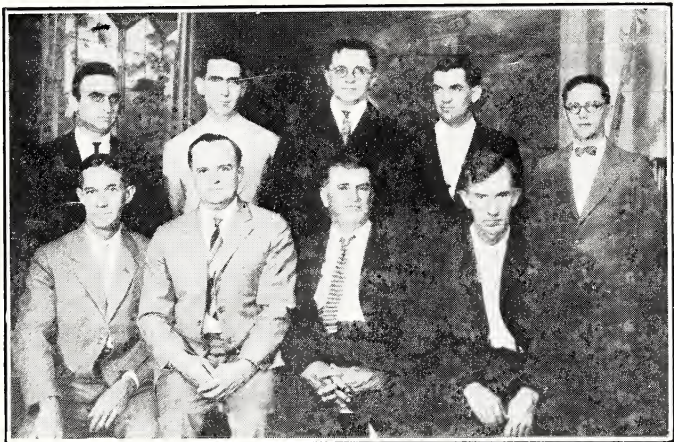
A picnic dinner was enjoyed by those attending the dedicatory services, and a large crowd was present for the occasion.

We are grateful to Mr. C. A. Cannon and Cannon Mills Company for donating the nice large lot on which the church and parsonage are located. This lot was deeded to the church some time during the early part of 1920. We are also very thankful for the financial assistance given by Cannon Mills Company during the construction of our church and parsonage, as well as their generosity in many other ways toward our annual current budget and the upkeep of our property during the early years of our organization and growth in Kannapolis.

A Memorial to Mr. G. Frank Rickard, another of the charter members who passed to his eternal reward so soon after the congregation had been organized and whose passing meant a great loss to this little group appears on page 197 of the Church Register.

In October, 1926, a Church Directory was published, and the following information is found therein:

THE CONSISTORY IN 1926



Front row, left to right: Elders, R. B. McCombs, H. J. Peeler, H. O. Archer and D. M. McCombs. Rear row, left to right: Deacons, Charles A. Suther, Dwight E. Walter, Rev. Lee A. Peeler, P. E. Correll and Hugh Cook.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Superintendent..... | H. J. Peeler |
| Assistant Superintendent..... | R. B. McCombs |
| Secretary..... | P. E. Correll |
| Assistant Secretary..... | Leo McCombs |
| Treasurer..... | Charles Artz |
| Pianist..... | Mrs. Hugh Cook |
| Assistant Pianist..... | Mrs. G. F. Rickard |
| Superintendent of Children's Division..... | Mrs. L. A. Peeler |
| Assistant Superintendent..... | Mrs. T. P. Moose |
| Pianist..... | Miss Altha McCombs |

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Adult Women..... | Mrs. P. E. Correll |
| Adult Men..... | Rev. L. A. Peeler |
| Young Ladies..... | Mrs. L. A. Peeler |
| Young Men..... | H. J. Peeler |
| Seniors..... | Shuford Peeler |
| Intermediates..... | R. B. McCombs |
| Juniors..... | Della Mae Peeler |
| Primary Class..... | Altha McCombs |
| Primary Class..... | Ovela Overcash |
| Primary Class..... | Ruth Sills |
| Beginner's Class..... | Mrs. T. P. Moose |
| Beginner's Class..... | Miss Mary Correll |

GIRL'S MISSIONARY GUILD

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| President..... | Ailene Moose |
| Secretary..... | Ruth Sills |
| Treasurer..... | Altha McCombs |

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| President..... | Mrs. T. P. Moose |
| Recording Secretary..... | Mrs. P. E. Correll |
| Treasurer..... | Mrs. G. F. Rickard |

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| President..... | Mabel Archer |
| Secretary and Treasurer..... | Martha Belk |

MISSION BAND

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Leader..... | Mrs. L. A. Peeler |
|-------------|-------------------|

Church Ushers—Dwight Walter, Leo McCombs, Hugh Cook, and Charles Artz.

Church Janitor—John F. Dayvault.

Church School Enrollment—295; Church Membership—163.

A Memorial to Mr. Henry O. Archer, another charter member, appears on page 201, Church Register, and a Memorial to Mr. H. J. Peeler appears on page 202, the Church Register.

The program for the FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY AND HOME-COMING CELEBRATION appears on pages 204-205, Church Register, and it was held October 8, 1933.

After a pasorate of nineteen years and one and one-half months, Rev.

Lee A. Peeler resigned as pastor of St. John's Church on November 15, 1938, and moved to a new field of labor at Middlebrook, Va. Brother Peeler witnessed varied accomplishments of this congregation under his leadership during this long pastorate, and he contributed greatly to the quality of mem-

bers who make the Kannapolis Church one of the finest in our denomination.



REV. JOSEPH D. ANDREW, JR.

Rev. Joseph D. Andrew, Jr., became the second pastor of St. John's Church on June 18, 1939. During his pastorate, the congregation was going through a period of transition, finding its strength and laying the foundation for future development and growth.

He served as pastor until March 15, 1942, at which time he resigned to become a Chaplain in the United States Army, a work for which he is well fitted.

Before the arrival of Mr. Andrew as pastor of the church, the laymen of the congregation began a movement to liquidate the tremendous debt with which the group had been burdened throughout its history. Their determination to eliminate the debt, and their devotion to the cause manifested in liberal and continuous giving, brought St. John's to this goal earlier than they had

imagined such was possible. OUR DEBT STORY appears elsewhere in this Directory.

On April 26, 1942, the Rev. Frank K. Bostian conducted services in the two congregations of the Kannapolis charge, St. Paul's and St. John's. Shortly thereafter he was elected and challenged to become the third pastor of the congregation. He accepted the call, and assumed the pastorate on July 15, 1942.

An eager people greeted him and his family, including himself, his wife, Mrs. Gladys McNairy Bostian, and their son, Charles William, when they came into the community. During this pastorate of a little more than four years, the congregation has manifested a fine spirit of cooperation and consecration, achieving far more in this short time than anyone ever could have predicted. In fact, the members have done so many things for the Church in promoting the Kingdom work that a record of accomplishments impresses one with evidences of untiring devotion as they have hastened on from task to task, hardly completing one before they have willingly and eagerly undertaken another.

A list of some of the accomplishments of these last few years appears elsewhere in this Directory.

In 1943 the congregation paid its apportionment for the first time in its entire history. The apportionment is the assessment placed upon the congregation by the Synod for the wider benevolent and mission program of the

Church. This apportionment has been paid in full each year since. And the congregation accepts this assessment as one of its primary obligations, and pays it in regular monthly installments.

Always alert to its responsibility to the community, and always manifesting a cooperative spirit with all the forces of Christianity—which spirit is characteristic of our denomination—we paid our share in the community survey in the religious census of 1944.

The local churches, sixteen of them, are supporting a teacher of Bible in the J. W. Cannon High School, and our congregation is paying its proportionate share of the budget.

The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is given an annual contribution of \$10 by our church.

The North Carolina Council of Churches was given \$10 in 1946.

On July 1, 1946, St. John's Church became a single-church charge, with a full-time pastor ministering to its needs for the first time in its entire history.

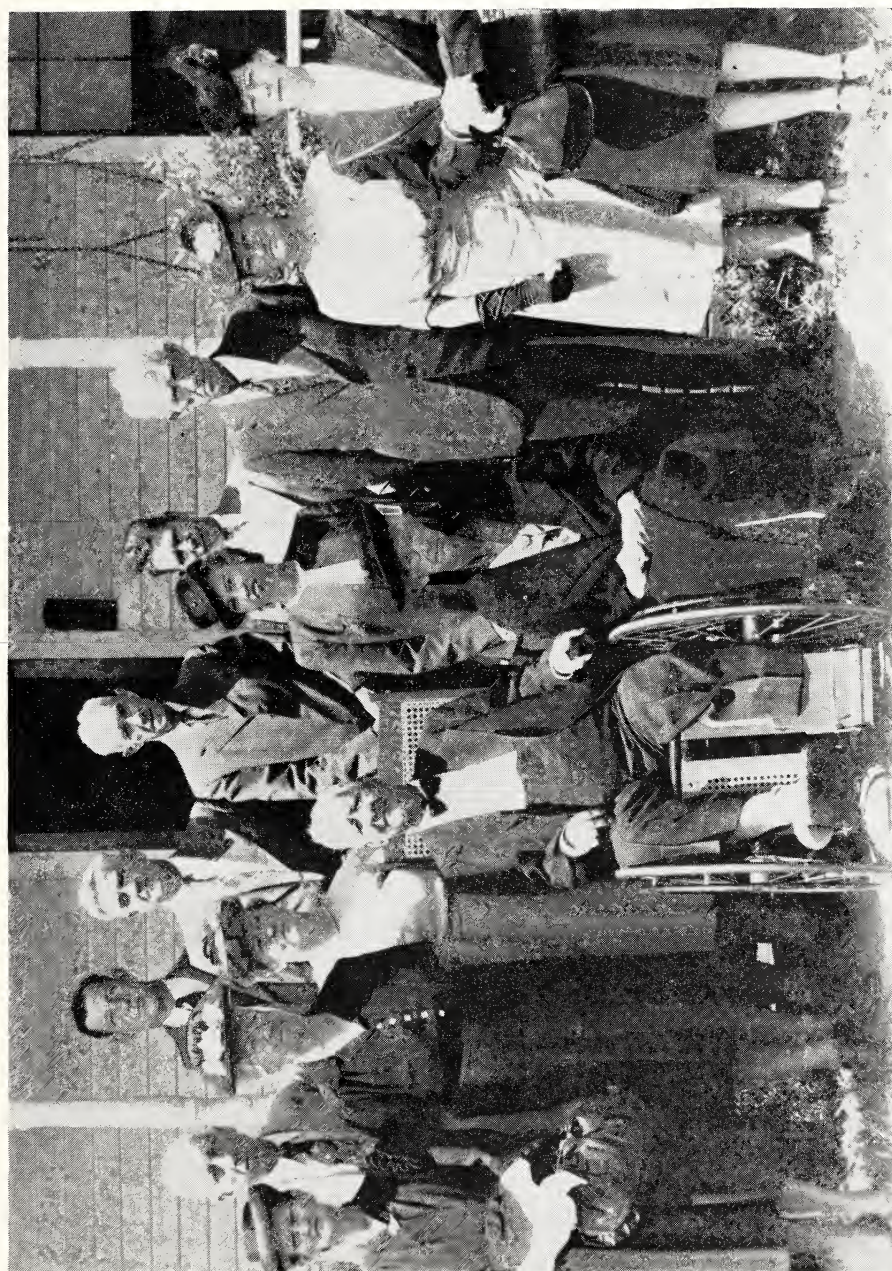
As an evidence of the spirit prevailing in the congregation, mention should be made of the fact that several of our men gave more than 460 hours to the task of painting the interior of our church basement and the first and second floors of the Church School departments. This task was voluntarily assumed by them, and carried through to its successful conclusion. These men helped: Carl W. Beaver, R. Hall Thornburg, Ray A. Holshouser, Carl W. Barnard, E. A. Sloop, Henry F. Fincher, Dwight Walter, Norman Boger, Ernest Faulkenberry, Gerry J. Lyerly, Harry M. Dayvault, Earle B. Marlin, Hoyle M. McCombs and Hoyt O. Sloop. One man came every day they worked, after work hours and until nine or ten o'clock at night, several of those listed first missed only one night, several came a number of different times, and some helped only one night—but all together they completed the job and made our Church School rooms like new again. Any church would be fortunate and proud to possess a group of men with such a fine spirit and willingness to help at such a long and hard job!

Since our debt has been paid this year, and the church has been put in first class condition with alterations, repairs, and painting, a special week of services is being observed September 29-October 6, for the purpose of celebrating these achievements and rededicating the church and dedicating the new altar and complete set of chancel furniture which has been added to our sanctuary.

We pause to give thanks for our wonderful heritage, to rejoice in the successful achievements of the past, and to reconsecrate ourselves one and all to the continued progress of St. John's Church as it labors in furthering the Kingdom of God in the hearts and lives of men around the world.

Active membership to date is 289.

CHARTER MEMBERS ACTIVE TODAY



Front, left to right: Mrs. W. C. Goodnight, Mr. C. M. Linn, Mrs. J. V. Blackwelder, Mrs. Charles A. Suther, Mr. J. V. Blackwelder, Mrs. Hattie Morgan, (standing), and Mrs. H. O. Archer. Back row, left to right: Raymond Linn, Phifer E. Correll, R. B. McCombs, B. A. Artz, D. M. McCombs, Mrs. D. M. McCombs and Mrs. T. P. Moose.

UNDERSTANDING OUR CHURCH NAME

What is the Evangelical and Reformed Church? What does the word "Reformed" mean? All of us of this denomination have been asked these and similar questions. To enable us to give satisfactory answers to them, we present here some interesting facts with which we ought to be familiar.

The Evangelical and Reformed Church came into being in 1934, when the two denominations, the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America, merged into one larger fellowship of believers in Christ for a larger world service.

The name, "Reformed," stems from the Reformation in the 16th century. It was brought from the Palatinate and neighboring German provinces and Switzerland when, beginning in 1710, the spiritual descendants of the great Swiss and Palatinate Reformers settled in Pennsylvania and the surrounding colonies and founded churches there. A nucleus of these early settlers emigrated to North Carolina where they established the Reformed Church.

The name "Evangelical," the general equivalent of "Protestant," was taken by a group whose members began coming into the Middle West in the early nineteenth century from Germany and Switzerland, some of them having formerly been of the Lutheran Church, which dates from 1517, and others of the Reformed Church of Zwingli and Calvin. Thus the Evangelical branch of our denomination is younger on this American continent than is the Reformed constituency.

The Reformed Church, to which we belonged, and to which we still belong, is one of the original protesting groups of the big Protestant Reformation. Ulrich Zwingli, the founder of this church, was born January 1, 1484. He was a contemporary of Luther, who was born November 10, 1483, and founded the Lutheran Church. They worked independently of each other, Zwingli in Switzerland and Luther in Germany. Luther was a great man, of diversified talent and ability, and he is referred to as the "Glory of the Reformation." But Zwingli was just as great, and as able, and as prominent in the Reformation era and as meaningful to posterity as Luther; and since he is the founder of our church, we shall give our main consideration to his life and works in this brief study.

*At an early age, it became evident that Zwingli was gifted with extraordinary talents. He received the best education which the age afforded, under his uncle, Bartholomew Zwingli, who was dean of Wesen.

One of his professors, Thomas Wyttenbach, a celebrated teacher of the university, was the most effective instrument in preparing the way for the Reformation in Switzerland, said in one of his lectures: "The time is at hand when the ancient faith shall be restored according to the Word of God. Indulgences are a Roman delusion and the death of Christ is the only ransom for our sins."

At an early age Zwingli was recognized as one of the foremost scholars in Switzerland—not a scholastic recluse, but a strong and energetic man of the world. The pope had granted him a pension, that he might devote himself entirely to classical study, but that did not satisfy this man of God; and like another Moses he renounced the pleasures of the world to devote his

life to the deliverance of his people. He entered the priesthood of the Catholic Church at Glarus in 1506, and was pastor of this church for ten years.

He wrote in his diary when a boy, "Truth is the highest virtue; lying is worse than stealing." He was amazed to learn, in his study, that a few centuries earlier it had been usual to give bread and wine to communicants, instead of bread alone, as had become the custom.

In 1516 he became parish priest of the great convent of Einsiedlen, the center of Romanism in Switzerland. Zwingli boldly preached the Gospel. Even his Catholic critics readily admitted that this great preacher was thoroughly sincere and honest. Zwingli declared that the blessed virgin would herself repudiate the worship of her image, and that Christ alone can save the world.

While thus engaged, in study and in proclaiming his findings and his conclusions and convictions, Zwingli appealed earnestly to the authorities of the Church of Rome to make way for the progress of the truth; and he declared that if the Church did not welcome the Gospel it would make way for itself. Records of the year 1517 show Zwingli in tears pleading with the authorities for this end. But rather than heed his words, they tried to bribe this herald of God into silence. When Zwingli was called to the chief pastorate of the Cathedral Church of Zurich, it was not in ignorance of his position but because he was already recognized as the leader of the Swiss reformation.

Zwingli preached the Gospel in 1516 as purely as ever. The Reformation in Switzerland proceeded more quietly than in Germany. There is no reason to doubt that Zwingli and Luther never knew of each other's existence until long after the most important steps had been taken.

On January 1, 1519, Zwingli took charge of the Cathedral Church of Zurich. He was a faithful pastor. This was especially apparent in 1519, during the prevalence of the great plague. He had gone to the mineral springs at Pfaffers on account of impaired health, but when the plague broke out nothing could keep him from his post. During that dreadful summer 2,500 people died in Zurich alone, and Zwingli was almost alone in ministering to the dying and in burying the dead. At last he was himself seized by the pestilence, and it was at one time believed that he could not recover. During his illness he composed a beautiful hymn in three parts, of which the first has been thus translated:

"Help me, O Lord,
My strength and rock;
Lo, at the door
I hear death's knock.
Uplift thine arm,
Once pierced for me,
That conquered death
And set me free.

"Yet, if Thy voice
In life's mid-day
Recalls my soul,
Then I obey.
In faith and hope
Earth I resign,
Secure of heaven,
For I am Thine."

On his recovery, Zwingli engaged actively in the reformation of the church.

Zwingli was aided by Leo Juda, as assistant, in Zurich. Juda translated the Old Testament into Latin, and was the chief translator of the German

version of the Scriptures which appeared in Zurich in 1530, four years before the publication of Luther's complete translation.

As for Zwingli, in the short space of twelve years he produced 81 German and 59 Latin books, not to mention two posthumous volumes. During the Disputation at Baden, it is said that he did not go to bed for six weeks. He was not permitted personally to appear at the controversy, because the Catholics insisted that his wonderful eloquence gave the evangelical party an unfair advantage.

There were extreme Catholics who were bitterly opposed to Zwingli's methods, and his life several times was attempted. But it seemed as if Rome at least for the time had been paralyzed.

The meeting of Zwingli with Luther at Marburg, in 1529, has frequently been represented as the occasion which separated the two great churches of the Reformation. Far from this being the case, it may confidently be affirmed that it brought them nearer together than they were ever before or afterwards.

It was when Luther and Zwingli were brought together to discuss the sacraments that the disagreement became evident. Luther insisted that in the Lord's supper there was the corporal presence of the Lord, that the bread and wine were transmuted into the actual body and blood of Jesus. Zwingli regarded the sacraments as signs and seals of a grace already received, as symbols of the body and blood of the Lord, broken and shed for us.

At the conclusion of the conference, Luther, at Philip Melancthon's request, drew up articles of agreement, which were signed by all the reformers. You will find their signatures reproduced in facsimile in Schaff's latest volume. Schaff says, "In fourteen out of fifteen articles they agreed fully, and even in the fifteenth they agreed in the principal part, namely, the spiritual presence and fruition of Christ's body and blood, differing only in regard to the corporal presence and oral manducation, which the one denied and the other asserted."

"Zwingli, with his rationalizing mind, could not understand that from Luther's point of view there is a sacramental eating which is not physical nor carnal. Luther did not give credit to Zwingli for believing that spiritual communion is real and true."

Considering the fact that both reformers signed the articles, it is not easy to see why Luther refused to give Zwingli the right hand of fellowship, though he pleaded for it with tears.

In Switzerland, the spirit of the Swiss Church became apparent in their organization. Luther had pleaded for freedom of the churches, but the princes at once assumed control. In Switzerland, the legislature assumed direction, but it was itself a popular body, and the organization was effected in accordance with the will of the people.

It was Zwingli who first appointed laymen to office in the Church; it was he who convened the earliest Protestant Synod. Calvin, it is true, receives greater credit in the matter of organization, but he was simply working in the same line. May I venture to remind you that it was the strong popular

organization of the Reformed Churches that enabled them to defend themselves successfully in the day of persecution?

In a broader sense it may be said that it is in the countries which followed the example of Switzerland that we find the grandest manifestations of self-sacrifice in the cause of civil liberty. Holland derived her ideals from Switzerland, and our own country could hardly have assumed its present form of government if Holland and Switzerland had not led the way. The congregational meeting led to the town meeting; the classis, or presbytery, to the legislature; and the synod to congress.

Zwingli died on the battlefield October 11, 1531, not quite forty-eight years of age. He did not cause the war; he did not use weapons on the field of battle; but as the chief pastor of Zurich he was by law required to accompany its army.

It was a shameful, fratricidal war. The Catholic cantons had maltreated Protestants, and the Protestants refused to trade with them. It was an actual blockade, and the Catholics determined to avenge themselves by attacking Zurich. It was an army of eight thousand against a defending Protestant force of less than two thousand, and soon the defenders were overpowered.

As Zwingli fell, mortally wounded, his last words were, "What does it matter? They may kill the body, but they cannot kill the soul."

After the battle, Zwingli was found by the enemy, lying on the field. He refused the services of a priest. Then a soldier recognized him, and killed him with his sword. Then they decreed that Zwingli's body should be quartered for treason and then burned for heresy; and the barbarous sentence was executed by the sheriff of Luzerne.

Zwingli does not belong to a single branch of the Church of Christ. The religious movement in which he was so prominent extended to many countries, and gave birth to a series of National Reformed Churches.

From an early period the chosen emblem of the Reformed Churches has been the burning bush which Moses saw on Horeb. It has been frequently enveloped by the flames of persecution, but it is still green and flourishing. The external form may change, but the inner life no fire can burn, no flood can drown. "They may kill the body, but they cannot kill the soul."

Though their leader fell, his followers grabbed the torch, held it aloft, and marched on in the way of religious freedom and Protestant worship. Zwingli and Luther both were Catholic priests, and they sought to correct the abuses and the corruptions of their Catholic Church. But the Church was too powerful and too proud to admit its need for a cleansing, and it persecuted these bold men of faith and courage. And it was then that these two Protestant groups, the Reformed and the Lutheran, were started as the two pioneer groups breaking away from the Roman Catholic Church.

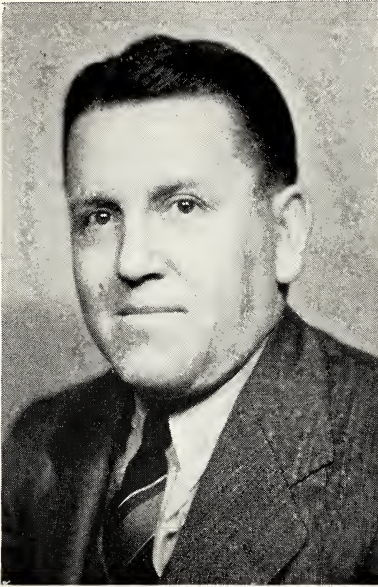
Thus we belong to one of the two Protestant churches that arose simultaneously but independently in the Reformation period. With such a mighty founder, and the same God whom we worship and serve, we march onward holding aloft the truths of Scripture as the way of salvation to all men.

*From this point on much of the information contained herein is taken, and some verbatim, from "LEADERS OF THE REFORMATION," by J. H. Dubbs.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Never have we approached a new era with a deeper sense of responsibility to members of the Sunday School, for never before has the Sunday School been faced with a greater opportunity of service to the community, to the church, to God and the world.

"This opportunity of service is a challenge to our Sunday School and a personal challenge to every member to spread throughout the community in all our contacts and relationships the teachings of God.



RAY A. HOLSHOUSER

"Let's each one put forth an earnest effort to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity of service, come regularly to our Sunday School and invite others to share and to enjoy the same privilege, build up our Sunday School even more, and thus learn more of God's will and do more and more to help make the peace we now have an everlasting one and to help build the kind of a world that God's children ought to have.

"Each Sunday at 9:45 o'clock A. M., I am glad to see you in your appointed place."

Sincerely yours,

RAY A. HOLSHOUSER,
Superintendent

OUR SUPERINTENDENTS

Our Sunday School was organized June 1, 1919, in the North Kannapolis School Building, now the Woodrow Wilson School, with Mr. R. B. McCombs as our first Superintendent. These have served as Superintendents, so far as we can ascertain since some of the records are lost*:

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1919-1921..... | Mr. R. B. McCombs |
| 1922-1929..... | Mr. H. J. Peeler |
| 1930-1931..... | Mr. Robert A. Hicks |
| 1932-1934..... | Mr. E. A. Sloop |
| 1935-1936..... | Mr. P. E. Correll |
| 1937 | Mr. Dwight E. Walter |
| 1938-1942..... | Mr. Cecil W. McCombs |
| 1943 | Mr. B. A. Fisher |
| 1944 | Mr. Gerry J. Lyerly |
| 1945-1946..... | Mr. Ray A. Holshouser |

* If you know of any omissions or errors, please notify us promptly.

CHURCH SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS -- 1946

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| General Superintendent..... | Mr. Ray A. Holshouser |
| Assistant Superintendent..... | Mr. Gaston C. McGinnis |
| Superintendent Adult Department..... | Mr. R. Hall Thornburg |
| Assistant Adult Department..... | Mr. Hoyt O. Sloop |
| Secretary..... | Mr. Harry M. Dayvault |
| Assistant Secretary..... | Mr. James E. Fisher |
| Treasurer..... | Mr. Carl W. Beaver |
| Pianist..... | Mrs. A. B. Bostian |
| Assistant Pianist..... | Miss Sylvia Lowder |

NURSERY DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Superintendent..... | Mrs. Ruth Waller |
| Assistants..... | Mrs. Carl W. Barnard |
| | Mrs. Harry E. Greene |
| | Mrs. Hearne F. Rickard |
| Pianist..... | Miss Sylvia Lowder |

BEGINNER-PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Superintendent..... | Mrs. Leonard K. McCombs |
| Teachers— | |
| Beginners..... | Mrs. Leonard K. McCombs |
| Primary..... | Mrs. Kathleen Pethel |
| Assistants..... | Mrs. Charles A. Suther, Mrs. W. D. Matthews |
| Secretary and Pianist..... | Miss Ellie Owens |
| Assistant..... | Miss Nancy Morgan |

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

| | |
|--|--|
| Superintendent..... | Mrs. Norman Boger |
| Teachers..... | Mrs. Norman Boger, Mrs. L. L. Stiller |
| Assistants..... | Mrs. Ruth McCombs, Mrs. H. Clee Overcash, Mr. B. A. Fisher |
| Pianist..... | Miss Jean Kay Dayvault |
| Secretary Junior and Intermediate Departments..... | Miss Jean Kay Dayvault |

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|--|
| Superintendent..... | Mr. Gerry J. Lyerly |
| Assistant Superintendent and Pianist..... | Mrs. Ralph C. Morgan |
| Teachers..... | Mrs. Ralph C. Morgan, Mr. L. L. Stiller |
| Assistants..... | Mrs. Gaston C. McGinnis, Mr. William E. Peeler |

ADULT DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Teachers— | |
| Senior Young People, Boys..... | Mr. Hugh T. Cook |
| Senior Young People, Girls..... | Mrs. John T. Fesperman |
| Assistants..... | Mrs. Marshall Cook, Mrs. Henry F. Fincher, |
| | Mrs. R. L. Dayvault |
| Young Adult Class..... | Mr. Hoyt O. Sloop |
| Assistant..... | Rev. Frank K. Bostian |
| Fidelis Class..... | Mrs. Ray A. Holshouser |
| Assistant..... | Mrs. Frank K. Bostian |
| H. J. Peeler Memorial Class..... | Mr. John T. Fesperman |
| Assistant..... | Mr. Marshall Cook |
| Men's Class..... | Mr. B. A. Artz |
| Assistant..... | Mr. Zeb C. Walter |
| Mother's Class..... | Mrs. B. N. Hodson |
| Enrollment in all departments is 265. | |

CHURCH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Front row, l. to r.: Mrs. Kathleen Pethel, Mrs. Ray A. Ho'shouser, Mrs. Ralph C. Morgan, Mrs. A. B. Bostian, Mrs. Leonard K. McCombs, Mrs. Henry F. Fincher, Mrs. B. N. Hodson, Mrs. L. L. Stiller, Miss Ellie Owens, Mrs. J. A. Wagstaff, Mrs. Frank K. Bostian and Mrs. J. T. Fesperman. Back row: Rev. Frank K. Bostian, Carl W. Beaver, R. Hall Thornburg, J. T. Fesperman, Ray A. Holshouser, Hoyt O. Sloop, Harry M. Dayvault, Marshall Cook, Hugh I. Cook, E. A. Artz, Gaston C. McGinnis and L. L. Stiller.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Organized December 4, 1941.

All women of the church are members, active or inactive.

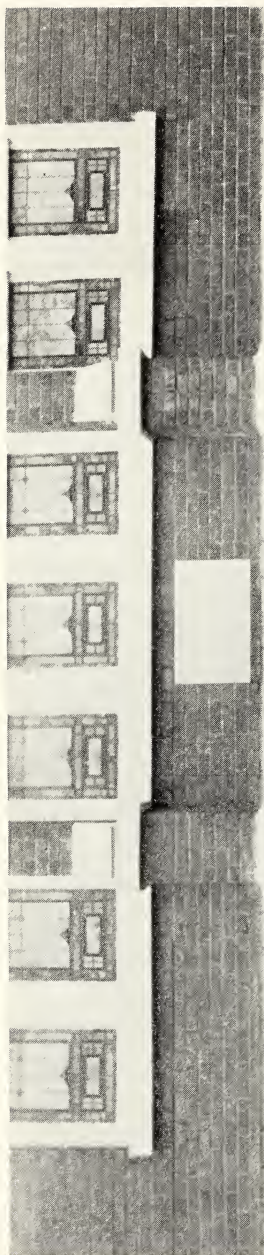
Two have passed away since the date of organization.

Sixty-five active members at present.

The purpose of this organization is to unite all the women of the congregation to promote the total program of the local church and to carry out the purpose of The Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church which is "to unite all the women of the Church in Christian fellowship; and with Divine help and guidance, to develop an understanding of the work of the entire Church, deepen spiritual life, stimulate sacrificial giving, and promote Christian service in the home, the local church, the denomination, the community, the nation and the world."

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| President..... | Mrs. Henry F. Fincher |
| Vice-President..... | Mrs. Norman J. Boger |
| Secretary..... | Mrs. Frank K. Bostian |
| Treasurer..... | Mrs. Mabel White |

DORCAS CIRCLE



Left to right: Mrs. D. H. Dayvault, Mrs. B. A. Fisher, Mrs. D. M. McCombs, Mrs. J. V. Blackwelder, Mrs. D. H. Overcash, Mrs. J. J. Peeler, Mrs. C. H. Blackwelder, Mrs. Maggie L. Faulkenberry, Mrs. F. R. Davis, Sr., Mrs. J. A. Wagstaff, Mrs. J. A. McCombs, Mrs. B. N. Hodson, Mrs. J. H. Sills, and Mrs. J. A. Moss.

THE DORCAS CIRCLE

Officers—

President.....Mrs. T. P. Moose
Secretary.....Mrs. C. C. Lowder
Treasurer.....Mrs. Floyd R. Daves, Sr.

Organized January 13, 1920, at the home of Mrs. D. M. McCombs; originally known as the Women's Missionary Society, but when the Women's Guild was organized, December 4, 1941, the name was changed to the Dorcas Circle.

Mrs. Lee A. Peeler writes, "The first activity of the Women's Missionary Society or what was later called the Dorcas Circle was a Thank-Offering Service held in November, 1919. Mrs. Harris, the General Synodical President, was the speaker."

Charter members, 13.

Charter members active in the organization, 9.

Present active membership, 24.

First officers—

President.....Mrs. L. A. Peeler
Vice-President.....Mrs. T. P. Moose
Secretary.....Mrs. F. M. Brown
Treasurer.....Mrs. L. J. Shives

Purpose of the organization is the same as that of the Women's Guild.

JENNIE PEELER CIRCLE



Left to right: Mrs. Henry F. Fincher, Mrs. Leonard K. McCombs, Mrs. A. B. Bostian, Mrs. H. Clee Overcash, Mrs. W. G. Adams, Mrs. E. A. Sloop, Mrs. Charles A. Suther, Mrs. M. Deritt Waller, Mrs. George D. Pfeiler, Mrs. Hugh I. Cook, Mrs. Marvin W. Moore, Mrs. Frank K. Bostian, Mrs. Gaston C. McGinnis, Mrs. Ray A. Holshouser, Mrs. Robert L. Dayvault, Mrs. Richard Hawkins, Mrs. R. Hall Thornburg and Mrs. Nesbit B. Sills. Several were absent when the picture was taken.

JENNIE PEELER CIRCLE

Officers—

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| President..... | Mrs. H. Clee Overcash |
| Vice-President..... | Mrs. Ray A. Holshouser |
| Secretary..... | Mrs. Leonard K. McCombs |
| Treasurer..... | Mrs. J. T. Fesperman |

Organized, 1932. Mrs. Lee A. Peeler writes of the organization of the Women's Missionary Society in 1920, and she included this paragraph, "A Mission Band was also started. Meetings were held every Sunday evening. Many of the girls who later became the first Girl's Guild, which was later called The Friendly Circle, and still later the Young Women's Circle, and, I believe now the Jennie Peeler Circle, were trained in that first Mission Band."

Charter members, 8.

Charter members living, 7.

Purpose, same as that of the Women's Guild.

LYDIA CIRCLE



Left to right: Mrs. Frank K. Bostian, Mrs. Ralph Overcash, Miss Freda Rogers, Mrs. Harry E. Greene, Sr., Mrs. Frederick W. Glass, Mrs. Earl B. Marlin, Mrs. Harry M. Dayvault and Mrs. Ernest Faulkenberry.

LYDIA CIRCLE

Officers—

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| President..... | Mrs. Frederick W. Glass |
| Vice-President..... | Mrs. Earl B. Marlin |
| Secretary..... | Mrs. Harry E. Greene, Sr. |
| Treasurer..... | Mrs. Elby E. Price |

Organized, January 7, 1945. This group of young ladies formerly was the Senior Girl's Guild, but graduated into the Women's Guild on the above date and selected the name of the Lydia Circle.

Charter members, 10.

Charter members active, 10.

Number of members active, 12.

Purpose of organization is same as that for the Women's Guild.

JUNIOR GIRL'S GUILD



Standing, front row, left to right: Barbara Sills, Barbara McCombs, Annie Lou Cook. Second row: Mrs. Ralph Overcash, counselor, Christine Adams, Martha Ann Stiller, Margaret Huffman, Frankie B. Fincher, Jean Kay Dayvault, Gwendolyn Peeler, and Mrs. E. A. Sloop, counselor.

JUNIOR GIRL'S GUILD

Officers—

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| President..... | Miss Frankie B. Fincher |
| Vice-President..... | Miss Billie McCombs |
| Secretary..... | Miss Nancy White |
| Treasurer..... | Miss Martha L. Stiller |

Organized, October 25, 1944.

Charter members, 9.

Charter members active, 8.

Members at present, 10.

Purpose of organization, learning to be better Christians, and helping to build a better world—and the same purpose as for the Women's Guild.

CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD



CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Officers—

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| President..... | Mr. Ray A. Holshouser |
| Vice-President..... | Mr. R. Hall Thornburg |
| Secretary..... | Mr. Gaston C. McGinnis |
| Treasurer..... | Mr. William D. Matthews |

Organized November 28, 1944.

Charter Members, 28.

Charter members living, 28.

Active members at present, 35.

Meets every third Thursday at 7:30 o'clock.

The purpose of this organization is to unite the men of the church and their friends in a program of fellowship and service in the work of the church in building the Kingdom of God on earth.

In the picture—Front, kneeling, left to right: Messrs. John F. Dayvault, Hoylt O. Sloop, B. A. Artz, Marshall Cook, C. C. Withers, C. H. Blackwelder, Zeb C. Walter, President Ray A. Holshouser, Ralph C. Morgan. Standing, left to right: W. D. Matthews, H. Clee Overcash, Henry F. Fincher, Carl W. Barnard, D. Haywood Sullivan, Marvin W. Moore, B. A. Fisher, Gaston C. McGinnis, David McCombs, Carl W. Beaver, George D. Peeler, R. Hall Thornburg, Wallace W. McCombs, Ernest Faulkenberry, J. T. Fesperman, Leonard K. McCombs, Robert L. Dayvault, Joe V. Blackwelder, Harry M. Dayvault, Rev. Frank K. Bostian, Joe A. Brantley, Earle B. Marlin, Hoyle M. McCombs, E. A. Sloop, J. Eugene Ritchie and J. A. McCombs.

JUNIOR CHOIR



Front row, left to right: Barbara Cook, Camille Waller, Ingle Cook, Betty Ray Holsouser, Carol Holland, Barbara McCombs. Back row: Billy Hodson, Barbara Sillis, Jean Kay Dayvault, Christine Adams, Annie Lou Cook, and Larry Fisher. Several were absent when picture was taken.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Officers—

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| President..... | Annie Lou Cook |
| Secretary..... | Jean Kay Dayvault |
| Treasurer..... | Larry Fisher |

Organized, November 7, 1945, under the direction of Miss Eula M. Peeler and Mrs. Ray A. Holshouser. Directed this year by Miss Doris Daniels and Mrs. Ray A. Holshouser.

Charter members, 16.

Charter members active, 11.

Number of members, 19.

Purpose: To learn how to sing better so that we might use our voices better in singing praises to God in our worship services and each day.

THE SENIOR CHOIR



Front row, l. to r.: Mrs. E. A. Sloop, Mrs. Gaston C. McGinnis, Mrs. George D. Peeler, Miss Ellie Owens, Martha A. Stiller, Mrs. H. Clee Overcash, Mrs. Harry E. Greene, Sr., and Mrs. Ernest Faulkenberry, organist and director. Second row: George D. Peeler, J. T. Fesperman, Jr., Earl B. Marlin, Harry M. Dayvault, Donald Wagstaff and Zeb. C. Waller. Missing when picture was taken, Gerry J. Lyerly, Mrs. Moose, Mrs. Elby Price, and a few others.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Officers—

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| President..... | Sylvia Lowder |
| Vice-President..... | Martha Stiller |
| Secretary-Treasurer..... | Aileene Lowder |

Organized early in the history of the congregation, as the Christian Endeavor and later as the Youth Fellowship.

Active members at present, 15. (Earlier records of charter members have been misplaced.)

The purpose of the organization is to unite the youth of the church and their friends in a quest to learn better the will of God and better to serve Him and His church through worship, fellowship and service.

JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE FELLOWSHIP

Officers—

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| President..... | Annie Lou Cook |
| Vice-President..... | Billie McCombs |
| Secretary-Treasurer..... | Ingle O. Cook |

Organized, May, 1945.

Charter members, 9.

Charter members active at present, 7.

Active members at present, 12.

Purpose of the organization is to guide the members into a fuller understanding of God and His purposes for creation and for humanity, to prepare them for better service as members of Christ's Church, and to guide them in worship and fellowship and play that they might develop physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

SOME ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LAST FEW YEARS

Benevolent causes supported more liberally—apportionment paid in full in 1943 and each year thereafter.

The HYMNAL, new hymn book, has been secured.

An Everett Orgatron, the finest electric organ available, was added to our church, \$2,500.00 was raised for this purpose in three weeks time, and the only contributions coming from outside the membership were gifts made by Mr. C. A. Cannon and one or two other friends.

Pew Communion was adopted.

New roof placed on the church, and new steps erected on southeast front.

On April 1, 1944, petitioned Southern Synod to make St. John's a single-church charge—granted and made effective July 1, 1946.

A new altar and complete set of chancel furniture adds greatly to the beauty of our sanctuary.

New shrubbery has been placed on the large lawn of church and parsonage.

Several partitions placed at strategic places throughout the building have furnished additional class room space.

The large Memorial Window, "In Memory, Travis P. Moose," has been illuminated at night, so that passersby may see its beauty.

The debt was completely eliminated May 1, 1946. Mr. L. A. Corriher, prominent citizen and member of First Evangelical and Reformed Church, Landis, contributed \$100.00 toward the debt early in the year. Miss Vivian Walters and a couple of other friends voluntarily contributed. But all other funds were contributed by the local membership these last several years.

A new heating system, forced hot water with oil burner, is being installed in the parsonage late this summer, 1946.

Mrs. H. J. Peeler and children have ordered and are placing in the church a set of chimes in loving memory of their husband and father, Mr. H. J. Peeler, who was a very active and valuable member of the church throughout his lifetime.

New pews have been ordered to replace the movable chairs underneath the two balconies on the side. Candelabra, vases and new offering plates have been ordered.

Membership reported January 1, 1942, was 217; today the active membership is 289.

Sunday Church School enrollment January 1, 1942, was 193; today the enrollment is 265.

Giving for all purposes in 1945 averaged \$52.00 per capita!

THE BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE

Standing, starting on left and around circle: Mrs. Henry F. Fincher, President the Women's Guild; Mr. R. Hall Thornburg, Vice-President the Churchmen's Brotherhood; Mr. B. A. Fisher, Chairman the Trustees; The Rev. Frank K. Bostian, Pastor; Elder J. T. Fesperman, holding the urn in which the mortgage is burning; Miss Sylvia Lowder, President the Youth Fellowship; Mr. Ray A. Holshouser, Superintendent the Church School; Mr. Gerry J. Lyerly, Vice-President the Consistory; and Dr. Harvey A. Fesperman, guest minister for the week.

In the scene preceding this, these representatives of the various organizations came to the altar as they were called by Mr. Fesperman, lighted a candle, took their place on the platform and spoke in behalf of the organization which they represented.

After the minister had lighted his candle, and had made a brief statement, Mr. Fesperman held the mortgage in his hands while the several candles of the group were touched to it to set it in flames. The blazing paper then was placed in the urn, and you can see the flame as it burned.

After the congregation sang most heartily the doxology, and the pastor offered a prayer of thanksgiving and praise, the next scene was the occasion of the deed to the property being handed to Mr. Fisher, Chairman of the Trustees, by the pastor, who is seen here holding and reading from it.

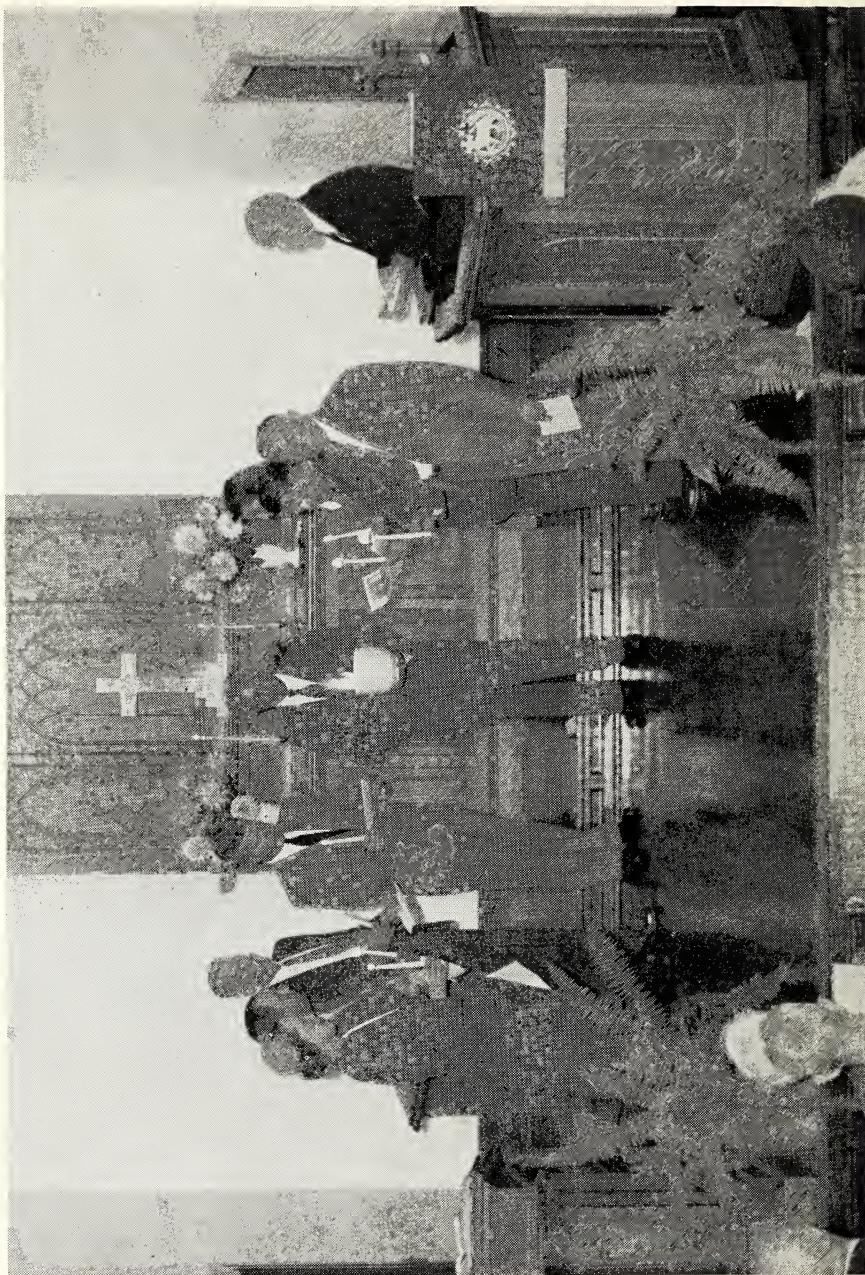
Dr. Fesperman then preached on the theme, "Exalting the Church."

The complete program for this singular service appears on the following page.

PASTORAL REGISTER

Rev. Lee A. Peeler, D.D. October 1, 1919-November 15, 1938
Rev. Joseph D. Andrew, Jr., June 18, 1939-March 15, 1942
Rev. Frank K. Bostian, July 15, 1942-

A GREAT MOMENT



THE MORTGAGE IN FLAMES — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 7:30 P. M.

**SERVICE OF MORTGAGE BURNING
ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH**

Kannapolis, N. C.

**15TH. SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY — SEPTEMBER 29, 1946
7:30 P. M.**

Organ Prelude—Theme from “Finlandia”.....Sibelius
Hymn 282—All Stand and Sing—“Faith of Our Fathers! Living Still”
The Invocation—Standing
The Holy Scriptures.....I Corinthians 3:1-11
Hymn 280—Seated—“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

The Responsive Reading:

Minister: In a spirit of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we as a congregation have been permitted to secure this church building and its equipment and now to celebrate the final and full payment of the debt incurred,

Congregation: We would proceed to burn this mortgage.

Minister: In a spirit of acknowledgement and appreciation for the generous assistance of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States in supplying funds in our time of need and in helping us through the years to meet our obligations,

Congregation: We would proceed to burn this mortgage.

Minister: In appreciation of the services rendered by those who have led us in our Church organization and financial matters, both pastors and laymen, in years gone by and in these present days,

Congregation: We would proceed to burn this mortgage.

Minister: In appreciation of the ability and the willingness of many of our members and several loyal friends to contribute toward this debt elimination to the extent that we have at last achieved our goal, having raised more than \$16,000 in the last six years,

Congregation: We would proceed to burn this mortgage.

Minister: And in a spirit of genuine gratitude that we have been united in the bonds of Christian comradeship in the prosecution of this enterprise,

Congregation: We now proceed to burn this mortgage.

Representatives of the various organizations will come and offer their testimonies as they are listed below and called by Elder John T. Fesperman:

THE CONSISTORY
THE WOMEN'S GUILD
THE CHURCH SCHOOL
THE CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
THE TRUSTEES
THE MINISTER

THE CONGREGATION (as mortgage is lighted), And now, as the mortgage burns, we thank God for the blessings and successes of the past, pray for His continued favor and guidance, and dedicate ourselves anew to the work and support of our beloved Church and the extension of the Kingdom of God throughout our community, our nation and our world.

The Doxology

Presentation of DEED to the property to the Trustees of the congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

Offertory—"Starlight Melody"Nolte

Offertory Response

Choral Selection—by the Young Adult Class of the Church School

Sermon—"Exalting the Church"Dr. Harvey A. Fesperman, Burlington

Prayer

Hymn 329—All Stand and Sing—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Benediction

Triple Amen

Meditation Moment

Organ Postlude

LIKE YOU

"If all the others CAME like you,
Would there seldom be a vacant pew?
Or would the opposite be true,
If all the others came like you?

"If all the others GAVE like you,
Then how much giving would your Church do?
Would the bills be paid as they fall due,
If all the others gave like you?

"If all the others WORKED like you,
Then how much service would your Church do?
Would the Master's plans be carried through,
If all the others worked like you?"

HOLD HIGH THE TORCH

"Hold high the torch! Do not forget its glow,
It was given you from other hands, you know.
'Tis only yours to keep it burning bright,
Yours to pass on to those who need its light.

"So, in turn, they'll hold it high and say,
'I watched my friend carry it this way.'
So lift high the torch! Do not forget its glow;
'Twas given you from other hands, you know!"

—ROBERT E. SPEAR

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

September 15, 1946

Members who became active during the present pasorate are marked with the asterisk, thus*.

For any errors that may appear, we apologize. Please report the same so that correction may be made. Thank you.

FAITHFUL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REQUIRES:

That I attend its services regularly and contribute to its support.

That I make daily supplication for the Church in my prayers.

That I give the best I have to it, not of gifts and service only, but also of love and personal helpfulness.

That I avail myself of the Holy Communion regularly as an evidence of my faith and its ministry of grace in my Christian life.

| NAME | ADDRESS |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| (POST OFFICE IS KANNAPOLIS, N. C., unless otherwise specified) | |
| Adams, Mrs. W. G..... | City RFD No. 8, Concord |
| *Alley, Jean..... | 1005 N. Juniper Street |
| *Alley, Franklin..... | 1005 N. Juniper Street |
| *Alley, Clyde Gaye..... | 1005 N. Juniper Street |
| Archer, Mrs. H. O..... | 15 Cook St., RFD No. 2, Box 50 |
| Artz, Mr. B. A..... | 302 S. East Ave. |
| *Barger, Mr. P. A..... | P. O. Box 856 |
| *Barger, Mrs. P. A..... | P. O. Box 856 |
| Barnard, Mr. Carl W..... | 203 E. Second Street |
| Barnard, Mrs. Carl W..... | 203 E. Second Street |
| Barnard, Johnny..... | 203 E. Second Street |
| Barrett, Mrs. Phyllis H..... | 306 Locust Street |
| Beaver, Mr. Carl W..... | 1021 W. "A" Street |
| *Blackwelder, Mr. C. H..... | 203 N. King Street |
| *Blackwelder, Mrs. C. H..... | 203 N. King Street |
| Blackwelder, Mr. J. V..... | 700 N. Juniper Street |
| Blackwelder, Mrs. J. V..... | 700 N. Juniper Street |
| Blackwelder, Mr. Joe..... | 700 N. Juniper Street |
| *Blackwelder, Mrs. Joe..... | 700 N. Juniper Street |
| Blackwelder, Mr. Sidney..... | 700 N. Juniper Street |
| *Boger, Mr. Norman..... | 346 Jackson Park Road |
| Boger, Mrs. Norman..... | 346 Jackson Park Road |
| *Bostian, Mrs. A. B..... | 709 N. Main Street |
| Bostian, Mrs. Frank K..... | 904 N. Main Street |
| *Brantley, Mr. Joe..... | 137 Lane Street, RFD No. 2 |
| *Brantley, Mrs. Joe..... | 137 Lane Street, RFD No. 2 |
| Campbell, Mr. John..... | 400 W. "C" Street |
| Campbell, Mrs. John..... | 400 W. "C" Street |
| Campbell, Mrs. Molly..... | 1102 N. Main Street |
| Cook, Mrs. Billy..... | 205 Carolyn Ave. |
| Cook, Mr. Hugh I..... | 311 Cadillac Ave., RFD No. 1, Box 140 |
| Cook, Mrs. Hugh..... | 311 Cadillac Ave., RFD No. 1, Box 140 |
| *Cook, Annie Lou..... | 311 Cadillac Ave., RFD No. 1, Box 140 |
| Cook, Mr. Marshall..... | 210 V-8 Street, RFD No. 1, Box 18 |

| | |
|--|--|
| Cook, Mrs. Marshall..... | 210 V-8 Street, RFD No. 1, Box 18 |
| Cook, Mr. Lester..... | 122 Bostian Street, RFD No. 2 |
| Cook, Mrs. Lester..... | 122 Bostian Street, RFD No. 2 |
| Correll, Mr. P. E..... | 345 Jackson Park Road |
| Correll, Mrs. P. E..... | 345 Jackson Park Road |
| Correll, Mrs. Annie..... | 333½ Jackson Park Road |
| Correll, Miss Ruth..... | 333½ Jackson Park Road |
| Correll, Mr. Charles W..... | 312 S. East Ave. |
| Correll, Mrs. Charles W..... | 312 S. East Ave. |
| *Correll, Kenneth W..... | 312 S. East Ave. |
| Daves, Mr. F. R..... | 805 Brown Street, RFD No. 3 |
| Daves, Mrs. F. R..... | 805 Brown Street, RFD No. 3 |
| Daves, Rowland W..... | 805 Brown Street, RFD No. 3 |
| Daves, Anna Frances..... | 805 Brown Street, RFD No. 3 |
| Daves, F. R., Jr..... | 805 Brown Street, RFD No. 3 |
| Dayvault, Mr. John F..... | 207 E. 10th Street |
| Dayvault, Mrs. John F..... | 207 E. 10th Street |
| Dayvault, Mrs. D. H..... | 607 N. Main Street |
| Dayvault, Max Kenneth..... | 607 N. Main Street |
| Dayvault, Mr. R. D..... | Apt. 127, Mason Farm Rd., Victory Village, Chapel Hill |
| Dayvault, Mrs. R. D., Apt. 127, Mason Farm Rd., Victory Village, Chapel Hill | |
| Dayvault, Mr. Robert L..... | 1011 N. Juniper Street |
| Dayvault, Mrs. Robert L..... | 1011 N. Juniper Street |
| *Dayvault, Jean Ray..... | 1011 N. Juniper Street |
| Dayvault, Mr. Harry..... | Box 415 |
| *Dayvault, Mrs. Harry..... | Box 415 |
| Deal, Mr. C. M. (Sam)..... | 103 S. Ridge Ave. |
| Deal, Mrs. C. M..... | 103 S. Ridge Ave. |
| Deal, Mr. O. C..... | 104 Ivey Drive, Sunset Park, Wilmington, N. C. |
| Deal, Mrs. O. C..... | 104 Ivey Drive, Sunset Park, Wilmington, N. C. |
| Deal, Dorothy..... | 104 Ivey Drive, Sunset Park, Wilmington, N. C. |
| Deal, Helen..... | 104 Ivey Drive, Sunset Park, Wilmington, N. C. |
| Deal, Harry..... | 104 Ivey Drive, Sunset Park, Wilmington, N. C. |
| Duncan, Mrs. Otto..... | RFD No. 1, Box 140 |
| *Elliott, Mrs. Carl E..... | 104 Overcash Street (General Delivery) |
| Ervin, Mrs. Robert L..... | 207 E. 10th Street |
| Faulkenberry, Mr. Ernest..... | 705 N. Juniper Street |
| Faulkenberry, Mrs. Ernest..... | 705 N. Juniper Street |
| Faulkenberry, Mrs. Maggie L..... | 705 N. Juniper Street |
| Fesperman, Mr. J. T..... | 204 S. Main Street |
| Fesperman, Mrs. J. T..... | 204 S. Main Street |
| Fesperman, J. T., Jr..... | 204 S. Main Street |
| Fesperman, Billy..... | 204 S. Main Street |
| Fincher, Mr. Henry F..... | 1012 N. Walnut Street |
| Fincher, Mrs. Henry F..... | 1012 N. Walnut Street |
| *Fincher, Frankie..... | 1012 N. Walnut Street |
| Fisher, Mr. B. A..... | 306 Central Drive |
| Fisher, Mrs. B. A..... | 306 Central Drive |
| Fisher, B. A. Jr..... | 306 Central Drive |
| Fisher, Jimmy..... | 306 Central Drive |
| *Fisher, Larry..... | 306 Central Drive |
| Fisher, Mr. Karl..... | 306 Central Drive |

Flemming, Mrs. Gladys.....216 Rutledge Ave., Moffit Village, Wilmington
 Glass, Mrs. Frederick W.....101 S. Ridge Ave.
 *Goodnight, Mr. Hubert F.....RFD No. 3, Box 414
 *Goodnight, Mr. Parks Ray.....RFD No. 3, Box 414
 Goodnight, Mr. W. W.....403 S. Juniper Street
 Goodnight, Mrs. W. W.....403 S. Juniper Street
 Goodnight, Mrs. W. C.....401 S. Juniper Street
 Goodnight, Margaret.....401 S. Juniper Street
 Goodnight, Robert.....401 S. Juniper Street
 Goodnight, Mi. Kyle.....448 S. Pine Street
 *Greene, Mr. Harry E., Sr.....322 S. East Ave.
 Greene, Mrs. Harry E., Sr.....322 S. East Ave.
 Harris, Mrs. Donald E.....2734 1st Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn.
 *Hart, Mr. Thurman.....RFD No. 4, Box 30
 Hart, Mrs. Thurman.....RFD No. 4, Box 30
 Hawkins, Mr. Richard.....207 E. 10th Street
 Hawkins, Mrs. Richard.....207 E. 10th Street
 Hawkins, Mrs. Inez.....Ketner Apts., 304½ Linden Street
 Helms, Mary Louise.....1016 W. "B" Street
 *Helms, Mr. William A.....821 S. Church Street, Salisbury
 *Helms, Mrs. William A.....821 S. Church Street, Salisbury
 Hodson, Mr. B. N.....10 Milton Street, RFD No. 3, Box 55-A
 Hodson, Mrs. B. N.....10 Milton Street, RFD No. 3, Box 55-A
 *Holland, Mr. L. S.....331½ Jackson Park Road
 *Holland, Mrs. L. S.....331½ Jackson Park Road
 Holshouser, Mr. Ray A.....305 S. Ridge Ave.
 Holshouser, Mrs. Ray A.....305 S. Ridge Ave.
 Horn, Mrs. Johnny.....711 N. Main Street
 *Huffman, Margaret.....RFD No. 4, Box 39
 Jones, Mrs. E. Richard.....917 Fourth Street
 Ketchie, Mrs. Homer L.....P. O. Box No. 1
 *Ketchie, Homer R.....P. O. Box No. 1
 Leazer, Mrs. E. L.....Box 106, Remington, Va.
 Lindsay, Mrs. Margaret L.....102 Goldston Street
 Linn, Mr. C. M.....917 Fourth Street
 Linn, Robert.....RFD No. 2, Box 462, Concord
 Linn, Eugene.....RFD No. 4, Box 355
 Linn, Leroy.....906 Fourth Street
 Linn, Raymond.....919 Fourth Street
 *Litaker, Mr. Hubert L.....P. O. Box 123
 *Litaker, Mrs. Hubert L.....P. O. Box 123
 Lowder, Mr. Claude C.....100 N. Rose Ave.
 Lowder, Mrs. Claude C.....100 N. Rose Ave.
 *Lowder, Dorothy Aileene.....100 N. Rose Ave.
 *Lowder, Sylvia Juline.....100 N. Rose Ave.
 Lowder, Mr. Glenn.....P. O. Box 74, Landis
 *Lowder, Mrs. Glenn.....P. O. Box 74, Landis
 Lowder, Mr. George.....202 N. Rose Ave.
 Lyerly, Mr. Gerry J.....304 Central Ave.
 Lyerly, Mrs. Gerry J.....304 Central Ave.
 Lyerly, Myron.....304 Central Ave.

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| *Marlin, Mr. E. B..... | 1007 N. Walnut Street |
| *Marlin, Mrs. E. B..... | 1007 N. Walnut Street |
| Matthew, Mr. W. D..... | P. O. Box 26 |
| Matthew, Mrs. W. D..... | P. O. Box 26 |
| *May, Miss Mabel..... | Mary Ella Hall |
| Meeks, Mr. James E..... | 300 E. 10th Street |
| *Mitchell, Mrs. Rachel..... | 700 N. Main Street |
| *Moore, Mr. Marvin W..... | RFD No. 3, Concord |
| *Moore, Mrs. W. W..... | RFD No. 3, Concord |
| *Moore, Cora Mae..... | RFD No. 3, Concord |
| Moose, Mrs. Wilma..... | 1212 S. Main Street |
| Morgan, Mrs. Hattie A..... | RFD No. 2, Box 50 |
| *Morgan, Nancy..... | RFD No. 2, Box 50 |
| Morgan, Mr. Ralph C..... | RFD No. 4, Box 6 |
| *Morgan, Mrs. Ralph C..... | RFD No. 4, Box 6 |
| Moss, Mr. J. A..... | RFD No. 4, Box 39 |
| Moss, Mrs. J. A..... | RFD No. 4, Box 39 |
| McCombs, Mr. R. B..... | 341 Jackson Park Road |
| McCombs, Mrs. R. B..... | 341 Jackson Park Road |
| McCombs, Hoyle Mason..... | 341 Jackson Park Road |
| McCombs, Mr. Cecil..... | 408 Central Drive |
| McCombs, Mr. D. M..... | 337 Jackson Park Road |
| McCombs, Mrs. D. M..... | 337 Jackson Park Road |
| McCombs, Mr. J. A..... | 331 Jackson Park Road |
| McCombs, Mrs. J. A..... | 331 Jackson Park Road |
| McCombs, Mr. Leonard K..... | 331 Jackson Park Road |
| McCombs, Mrs. Leonard K..... | 331 Jackson Park Road |
| McCombs, Mr. Wallace..... | (Mail 331 Jackson Park Road) 50 Pearl Ave. |
| McCombs, Mrs. Wallace..... | (Mail 331 Jackson Park Road) 50 Pearl Ave. |
| McCombs, Mr. David..... | 400 Central Drive, P. O. Box 742 |
| McCombs, Mrs. David..... | 400 Central Drive, P. O. Box 742 |
| McCombs, Mr. Reid..... | 309 S. East Ave. |
| McCombs, Mrs. Reid..... | 309 S. East Ave. |
| McGinnis, Mr. Gaston C..... | 1011 N. Walnut Street |
| McGinnis, Mrs. Gaston C..... | 1011 N. Walnut Street |
| McClary, Mr. Robert..... | 305 S. Ridge Ave. |
| Overcash, Mrs. D. H..... | 1012 N. Walnut Street |
| Overcash, Mr. H. Clee..... | 305 Linden Street |
| Overcash, Mrs. H. Clee..... | 305 Linden Street |
| Overcash, Mrs. Ralph..... | 337 Jackson Park Road |
| Owens, Mr. J. L..... | 711 N. Main Street |
| Owens, Mrs. J. L..... | 711 N. Main Street |
| Owens, Carl..... | 711 N. Main Street |
| Owens, Raymond..... | 711 N. Main Street |
| Owens, Helen..... | 711 N. Main Street |
| Owens, Ellie..... | 711 N. Main Street |
| Peeler, Mrs. H. J..... | 101 S. Ridge Ave. |
| Peeler, H. J., Jr..... | 101 S. Ridge Ave. |
| Peeler, William E..... | 101 S. Ridge Ave. |
| Peeler, Mr. Harvey Ray..... | 802 Central Drive, Jackson Park Road |
| Peeler, Mrs. Harvey Ray..... | 802 Central Drive, Jackson Park Road |
| *Peeler, Gwendolyn..... | 802 Central Drive, Jackson Park Road |

Peeler, Mr. Eugene.....604 Oakwood Ave., RFD No. 3, Box 143
 Peeler, Mrs. Eugene.....604 Oakwood Ave., RFD No. 3, Box 143
 Peeler, Mr. George D.....607 N. Main Street
 Peeler, Mrs. George D.....607 N. Main Street
 Perry, Mrs. G. F.....RFD No. 4, Box 30
 Perry, Mr. George W.....RFD No. 4, Box 30
 *Perry, Mrs. George W.....RFD No. 4, Box 30
 Perry, Mr. John F.....Pennsylvania Drive, RFD No. 4, Box 30
 Perry, Mrs. John F.....Pennsylvania Drive, RFD No. 4, Box 30
 Perry, Mr. William M.....409 Park Drive, Florence, S. C.
 Perry, Mrs. William M.....409 Park Drive, Florence, S. C.
 Pethel, Mrs. Kathleen.....405 N. Rose Ave.
 *Pethel, Frank C., Jr.....405 N. Rose Ave.
 *Pethel, Charles R.....405 N. Rose Ave.
 *Pethel, Lou Jean.....405 N. Rose Ave.
 Pethel, Mrs. Carrie.....11 Milton Street, RFD No. 3, Box 49
 Pethel, Hubert L.....11 Milton Street, RFD No. 3, Box 49
 Pethel, Eva.....11 Milton Street, RFD No. 3, Box 49
 Pethel, Mr. James Arthur.....2002 Glasgow St., Portsmouth, Va.
 *Pethel, Mrs. James Arthur.....2002 Glasgow St., Portsmouth, Va.
 Pethel, Mr. Dale.....6 Milton Street, RFD No. 3
 Pethel, Mrs. Dale.....6 Milton Street, RFD No. 3
 Phillips, Mrs. Jasper Taylor.....201 E. 7th Street
 Price, Mrs. Elby Eugene.....P. O. Box 941
 Rankin, Mr. Thomas.....3053 Lee Ave., Camp Lejeune, N. C.
 Rankin, Mrs. Thomas.....3053 Lee Ave., Camp Lejeune, N. C.
 Richardson, Mrs. Link.....c-o 607 N. Main Street
 *Rickard, Mr. Hearne F.....105 Kimball Ave., RFD No. 4, Box 37
 *Rickard, Mrs. Hearne F.....105 Kimball Ave., RFD No. 4, Box 37
 *Ridenhour, Mrs. John W.....1014 W. "B" Street
 Ritchie, Mr. J. Eugene.....P. O. Box 15
 Ritchie, Mrs. J. Eugene.....P. O. Box 15
 *Ruby, Mrs. George A.....1005 N. Juniper Street
 *Schulze, Mrs. Marion.....802 Central Drive
 *Sechler, Mr. Duard K.....1008 N. Juniper Street
 *Sechler, Mrs. Duard K.....1008 N. Juniper Street
 *Sechler, Sheridan Steve.....1008 N. Juniper Street
 Sides, Miss Geraldine.....1013 N. Ridge Ave.
 Sills, Mrs. J. H.....17 Cook Street, RFD No. 2, Box 50
 Sills, Mr. N. B., Sr.....17 Cook Street, RFD No. 2, Box 50
 Sills, Mrs. N. B., Sr.....17 Cook Street, RFD No. 2, Box 50
 Sills, Neb, Jr.....17 Cook Street, RFD No. 2, Box 50
 *Sills, Barbara Anne.....17 Cook Street, RFD No. 2, Box 50
 *Sills, Mr. Horace S.....985 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown, Md.
 *Sills, Mrs. Horace S.....985 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown, Md.
 Sloop, Mr. E. A.....907 N. Ridge Ave.
 Sloop, Mrs. E. A.....907 N. Ridge Ave.
 Sloop, Mr. Hoyt O.....1009 N. Walnut Street
 *Sloop, Mrs. Hoyt O.....1009 N. Walnut Street
 Steele, Mr. R. Glenn.....City RFD No. 8, Concord
 Steele, Mrs. R. Glenn.....City RFD No. 8, Concord
 *Stephen, Mrs. Mary W.....1005 N. Juniper Street

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stiller, Mr. L. L..... | 505 N. Ridge Ave. |
| Stiller, Mrs. L. L..... | 505 N. Ridge Ave. |
| Stiller, Howard..... | 505 N. Ridge Ave. |
| *Stiller, Martha..... | 505 N. Ridge Ave. |
| *Sullivan, Mr. D. Haywood..... | 217 Bell Ave. |
| Sullivan, Mrs. D. Haywood..... | 217 Bell Ave. |
| Suther, Mr. Charles A..... | 313 Jackson Park Road |
| Suther, Mrs. Charles A..... | 313 Jackson Park Road |
| *Suther, C. A., Jr..... | 313 Jackson Park Road |
| Sweat, Mrs. Fred..... | RFD No. 4, Box 30 |
| Taylor, Mr. Dan W..... | 301 E. Third Street |
| Taylor, Mrs. Dan W..... | 301 E. Third Street |
| Thompson, Mr. Joe..... | Landis |
| Thompson, Mrs. Joe..... | Landis |
| Thompson, Mr. Opal L..... | RFD No. 2, Box 670-C |
| *Thompson, Mrs. Opal L..... | RFD No. 2, Box 670-C |
| Thornburg, Mrs. Emma..... | 104 N. East Ave. |
| *Thornburg, Mr. R. Hall..... | 104 N. East Ave. |
| *Thornburg, Mrs. R. Hall..... | 104 N. East Ave. |
| *Thornburg, Russell Ray..... | 104 N. East Ave. |
| *Tilley, Mr. W. Ralph..... | 807 Brown Street, RFD No. 3 |
| *Tilley, Mrs. W. Ralph..... | 807 Brown Street, RFD No. 3 |
| Wagstaff, Mr. J. A..... | 1001 N. Ridge Ave. |
| Wagstaff, Mrs. J. A..... | 1001 N. Ridge Ave. |
| Wagstaff, Donald..... | 1001 N. Ridge Ave. |
| Wagstaff, Charles..... | 1001 N. Ridge Ave. |
| *Wagstaff, Mr. Robert L..... | RFD No. 2, Box 14 |
| *Wagstaff, Mrs. Robert L..... | RFD No. 2, Box 14 |
| Waller, Mrs. Ruth Walter..... | RFD No. 2, Plymouth Street |
| *Waller, Mrs. M. Dervit..... | 704 N. Juniper Street |
| *Waller, Dervit Ray..... | 704 N. Juniper Street |
| *Waller, Joe Lee..... | 704 N. Juniper Street |
| *Waller, James Perry..... | 704 N. Juniper Street |
| Walter, Mr. Zeb C..... | RFD No. 2, Plymouth Street |
| Walter, Clifford..... | RFD No. 2, Plymouth Street |
| Walter, Kathryn..... | RFD No. 2, Plymouth Street |
| Walter, Elizabeth..... | RFD No. 2, Plymouth Street |
| Walter, Mr. Dwight..... | 100 N. Maple Street |
| *Walter, Mrs. Dwight..... | 100 N. Maple Street |
| *Watson, Eugene..... | RFD No. 8, Box 195, Charlotte |
| Wells, Mrs. Clara Wagstaff..... | 1001 N. Ridge Ave. |
| *White, Mrs. Raymond..... | RFD No. 2, Box 39 |
| *White, Nancy..... | RFD No. 2, Box 39 |
| Wilson, Mrs. Lillian Owen..... | 711 N. Main Street |
| Wilson, Thelma..... | 711 N. Main Street |
| Withers, Mr. C. C..... | 214 E. 10th Street |
| Withers, Mary Elizabeth..... | 214 E. 10th Street |
| *Withers, Johnny..... | 214 E. 10th Street |

* 85 active members since July 15, 1942.

An inactive membership list of approximately 100 gives us a tentative strength of at least 400. All together, let's reach and surpass that goal!

